

Ottoman Empire: War Machine

1. Who was the founder of the Ottoman Empire?
2. Who was driven out of the Middle East under Osman's leadership?
3. Describe Osman's leadership.
4. How do we get the term "Ottomans"?
5. Describe the Sufi sect of Islam.
6. How did Ottomans treat Christians in their early empire?
7. Describe some of the beneficial things Orhan did for the Ottoman Empire after his father's death.
8. Describe how Orhan was able to conquer most of the Byzantine Empire.
9. Why did the Ottomans choose religious tolerance as a political policy?
10. The stealing and conversion to Islam of Christian boys in the Ottoman Empire was known as the devshirme system and these boys became Janissary soldiers. What were the opportunities for a Janissary?
11. Why would Ottoman princes have to kill their brothers when they were named Sultan?
12. What did Mehmet II want to do to earn the respect of the Janissary soldiers?
13. What was Mehmet II's plan for conquering Constantinople?
14. How were the Christian Byzantines able to hold off the Ottoman army initially?
15. What was Mehmet's solution to the Byzantine naval blockade of the Golden Horn?
16. Describe the "final assault" of Constantinople.
17. What title did Mehmet II earn after his conquest of Constantinople in 1453?
18. If you look on a modern map, you will not find Constantinople. What is Constantinople now known as?
19. What became the Ottoman's most famous export?
20. Why did Mehmet II want to conquer Christian lands?

21. Explain why Sultan Selim's nickname was "grim"? What about his character and actions earned him this name?
22. What was sultan Suleiman's nickname?
23. Who are the Ottoman's competing with for control of the Mediterranean Sea?
24. How did Suleiman respond to the Protestant reformation? Why did he do this?
25. How can building projects be beneficial to a Sultan and an empire? (Why would Suleiman want to build many new buildings and mosques?)
26. What was the benefit to having many slave concubines in a Harem to produce heirs rather than a Sultan having a wife?
27. Who was Roxalana and why is she significant in Ottoman history?
28. By the 16th century, how does Ottoman military technology compare to their enemies?
29. How were later Sultans, those after Suleiman, different than those who had come before them?
30. List some of the military losses of the Ottomans in their declining period, and explain whom they lost against.
31. Describe some of the signs that the Ottoman Empire was declining in the 19th century.
32. What was the Ottoman's nickname during this period of decline?
33. What is the purpose of photographing aspects of the Ottoman Empire?
34. Describe what is now known as "The Armenian genocide" and explain both sides of the argument for why it happened.
35. Who was Mustafa Kemal? What are some of his accomplishments?
36. What happens to the Ottoman Empire at the conclusion of WWI?
37. Who became the first President of the modern day country of Turkey?
38. What are some positive policies Kemal enacts as President?