



## think you know about the Ottoman Empire

*The Blue Mosque, built in the early 1600s, in Constantinople, the Turkish capital from 1453 onward.*

1. Origins/maps
2. Turks take over Middle East
  - a. Osman, leader of warrior band
3. Turkish tribal organization
  - a. Bureaucracy
  - b. Janissary force
  - c. Feudal arrangements with Turkish aristocrats
4. Greatest extent
  - a. Three times attacked Vienna, Austria (1529, 1532, & 1683)
  - b. 8 times larger than France
5. Decline
  - a. Sultans “imprisoned” within the Seraglio (1595 onward)
  - b. Janissaries fought efforts to modernize
  - c. Tax revenues pilfered before they reached Constantinople
  - d. Lost revenues when trade shifted overseas
  - e. Unable to conquer major powers—this minimized the land they could annex
  - f. The decline of the Ottoman empire in Europe helped trigger World War I, as Russia and Austria jostled for power in the Balkans, and England and France rushed to maintain a balance of power there