



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