

# World History since 1500



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# History 104

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Jan. 23	Online Quiz Ch 16 <u>LATE</u>
Jan. 25	Online Quiz Ch 17
Jan. 26	Article Review One <u>DUE</u> (beginning of class)
Jan. 30	Review Session TBD – afternoon/evening
Jan. 31	<u>Exam One</u> – Ch. 15-17
Feb. 16	Article Two (Ch. 18-20) Approval Deadline

## Chapter 16 – The Muslim Empires



### Janissary Corps

Slave soldiers – Christian boys  
(*devshurne*)

Taught Turkish language

Converted to Islam

Taught no non-military skills

Forbidden to marry

### First:

Wear a uniform

Meritocracy

Military music

Massed musket fire



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### **Janissary Corps**

Text: “recruited...” p 520

SLAVES (boy harvest) 1380 ~ 1580

Decline 1500s (marriage, sons could join)

Auspicious Incident 1826

### **Extreme loyalty:**

Sultan's bodyguards

Excellent battle discipline

All infantry

Used support troops (supply, engineers, medical)





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### Devshirme system



“Blood Tax” – “Collecting”

Enslavement of Christian youth for service in military, harem, and civil service.

Did NOT work in agriculture

Loyal (Stockholm Syndrome)

A way to keep aristocrats out of power

## *Chapter 16* – **The Muslim Empires**

# Conquest of Constantinople 1453

<http://12byzantinerulers.com/16> - Constantine XI  
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# Conquest of Constantinople 1453

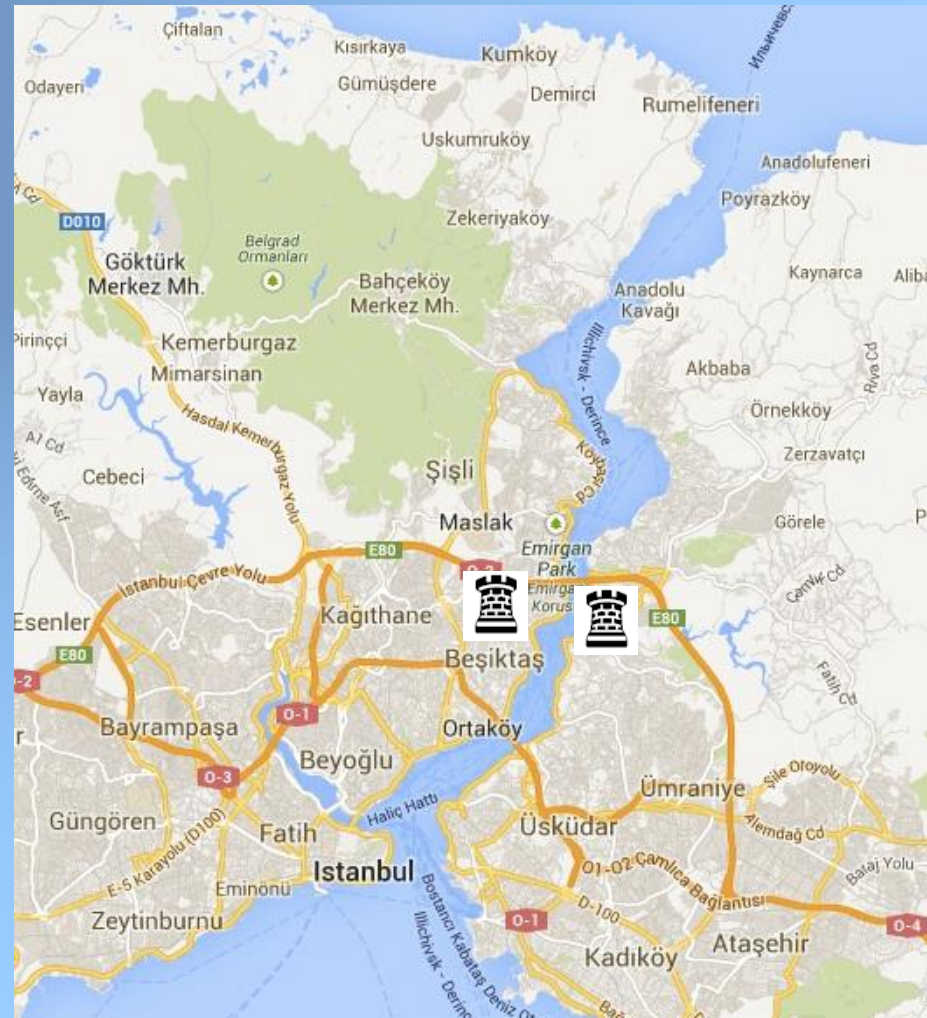
**Sultan Mehmed II (21 y.o.)**

**Builds fortress north of city to control strait – 1452**

**Constantine XI asks for help but Catholic Europe/Pope not interested – busy with own wars**

**Chain harbor entrance, repair Land Wall (12 miles long)**

**7,000 defenders (+ 50,000 civilians)**



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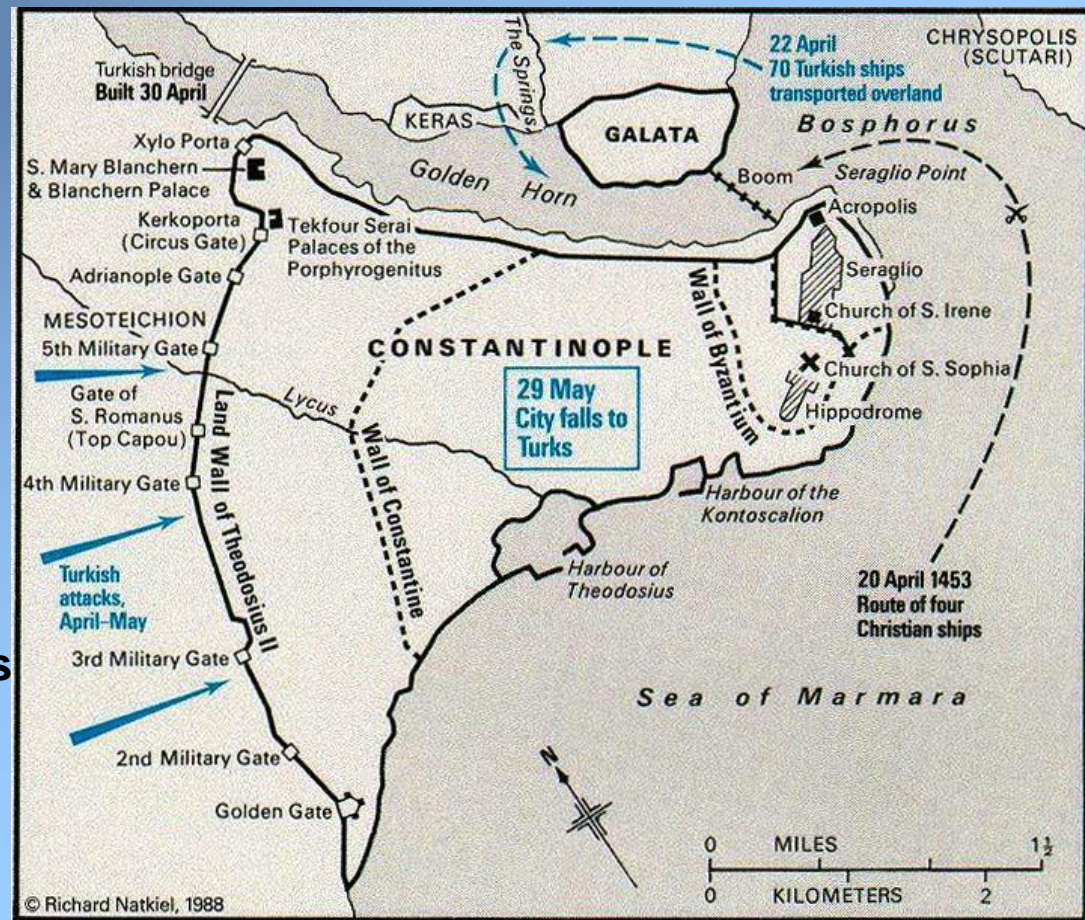
50-80,000 Ottoman soldiers  
(5-10,000 Janissaries)  
120 ships

Cannon – 600 lb. stone ball with 1  
mile range (60 oxen team  
3 hours to reload

Siege last 53 days (6 Apr – 29 May)

Mehmed orders road of greased logs  
and rolled ships into golden horn.

Fireships/40 impaled/260 executed





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# Conquest of Constantinople 1453

Several frontal assaults  
Sappers attempt to mine under the walls. Byzantines dig counter-mines and attack miners.

First and second assault waves were inferior troops. Final wave were Janissaries.

Genoese general in charge of defense wounded causing soldiers to panic.

3 days of plunder, rape and murder



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### Treatment of Christians In conquered territories



**When Christians a majority:**  
“quite tolerant apart from slave levy”  
Freedom of religion to help maintain social order

**When Christians a minority:**  
“much harder line”  
Seize church property and revenues  
Curbed public worship  
A potential threat to Ottoman order



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**Siege of Vienna:**  
**July 14 – September 12, 1683**  
**Ottoman declare war Aug. 1682**



**Holy Roman Emperor  
Leopold flees Vienna**

**Garrison – 15,000  
Volunteers – 8,700**



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### **Siege of Vienna:**

**July 14 – September 12, 1683**

**Largest cavalry charge in history (18,000)**



### **Ottomans**

**Initial army 433,000**

**20,000 dead during siege**

**15,000 dead in battle**

**10,000 captured**

### **Holy Roman Empire**

**Kingdom of Poland**

**King John III Sobieski**

**Garrison – 15,000**

**Volunteers – 8,700**



## Chapter 16 – Three Muslim Empires



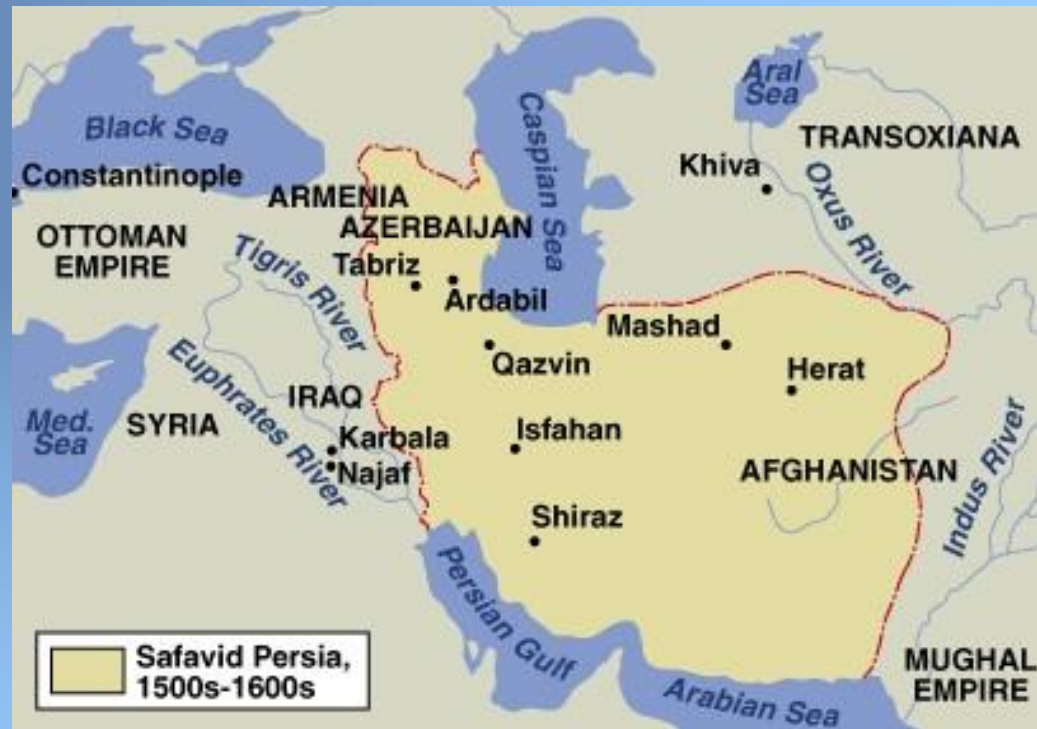
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### **Safavid Empire**

Iran had its origin in the word “Aryan” from the Indo-Iranian peoples.

1850 – “Aryan” was adopted as a racial category.

By 1900 a theory suggested that Indo-Europeans originated in ancient Germany or Scandinavia. This led to using “Aryan” to mean “Germanic”, “Nordic” or “Northern Europeans.”





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### **Safavid Empire**

**“Aryan” was thought to be a subset of the Caucasian race. This grouping of people was based on geography and skeletal anatomy without regard to skin color.**

**First introduced in the 1780s, scholars thought that the first humans were from the Caucasus Mountains. This was based on the theory that this is where Noah’s Ark landed.**



# Sunni

## 85%

### Islam — Sunni - Shiite

# Shiite

## 15%

## Sunni “usual practice”

## Shiite (Shia) “followers of Ali”





# *Islam — Sunni - Shiite*

## **After Muhammad**

### **Abu Bakr**

Prominent companion – 1<sup>st</sup> Caliph

Umar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Caliph

Uthman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Caliph (assassinated)

### **Ali**

Cousin and son-in-law of Muhammad



# *Islam – Sufi*



*the inward dimension of Islam*  
*the phenomenon of mysticism*  
*within Islam*

I searched for God  
and found only myself.

I searched for myself  
and found only God.

– Sufi proverb



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### Safavid

- Ismail called himself “shah,” or king, of the new Persian state.
- Ismail was a Shiite Muslim. He sent preachers to different areas to convert members of the Ottoman Empire.
- This led to the massacre of Sunni Muslims when he took Baghdad.
- Ismail lost a major at Tabriz to Suleiman over religious differences.

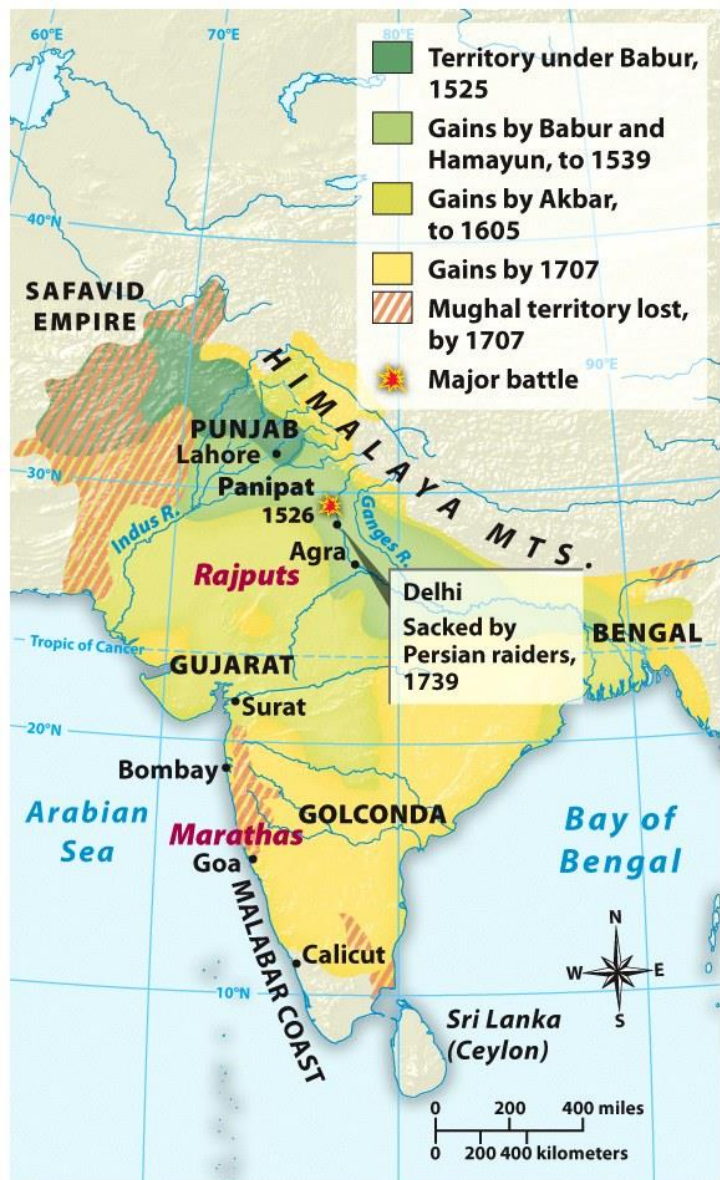




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### Mugal Empire

1. Muslims from central Asia
2. Descended from Genghis Khan
3. Introduced gunpowder weapons to India



MAP 19.2 The Mughal Empire, c. 1700

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### **Akbar (the Admiral)**





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### Akbar (the Great)



MAP 19.2 The Mughal Empire, c. 1700

**Expands control to  
(almost) all of India**

- 1. Defeat with  
gunpowder**
- 2. Unite with marriages**
- 3. Control with central  
government with fair  
taxes**

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### **Shah Jahan**

#### **The Golden Age**

Raised by grandfather,  
Akbar

Political engagement to  
Persian princess, but during  
5 years before marriage  
had a wife and child

Mumtaz Mahal died in 14<sup>th</sup>  
childbirth (at age 37)



### **Taj Mahal**

“Crown of Palaces” tomb for  
“chosen one of the palace”



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### Dutch East Indies Company (VOC)

*Vereenige Oostindische  
Compagnie*

1. Stock Company - 1602
2. Power to wage war, imprison and execute convicts,<sup>[4]</sup> negotiate treaties, strike its own coins, and establish colonies
3. Paid 18% dividend/year for almost 200 years



“The Spice must flow”

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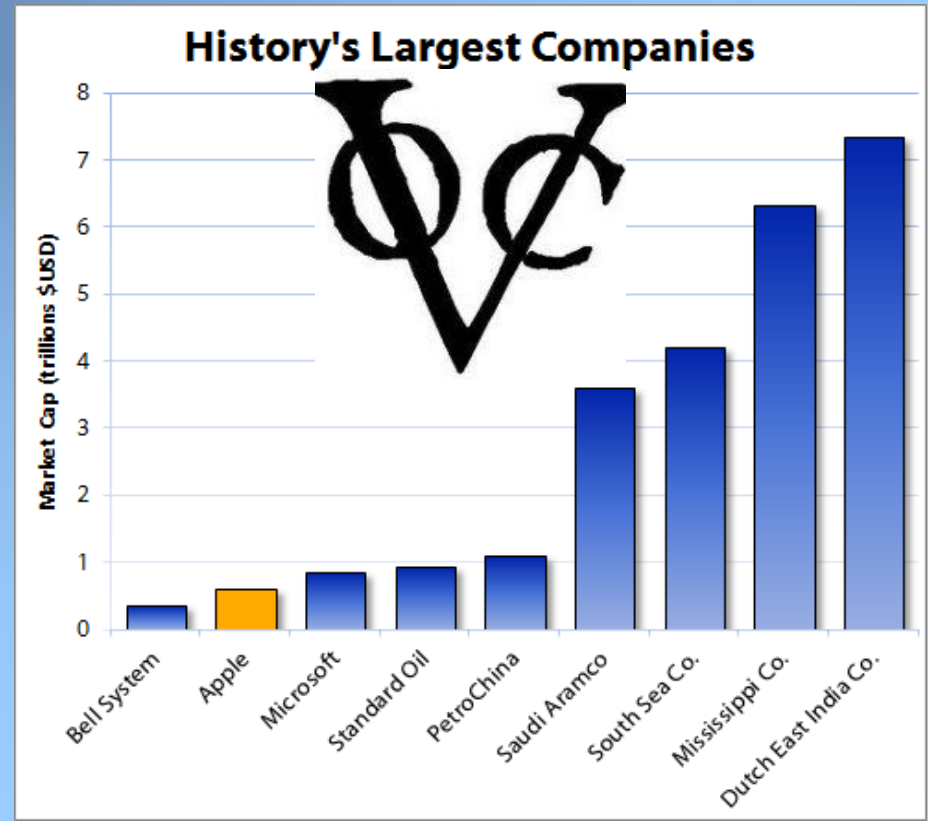
### Private Joint-Stock Companies

East India Company (1600)



Dutch East India Company (1602)

Verenigde Oostindische Compagnie





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### **English East Indies Company**

**Stock Company – 1600 -  
Defeat of Spanish Armada  
in 1588 freed England to  
explore Indian Ocean**

**Rule in India began in 1757  
after the Battle of Plassey**

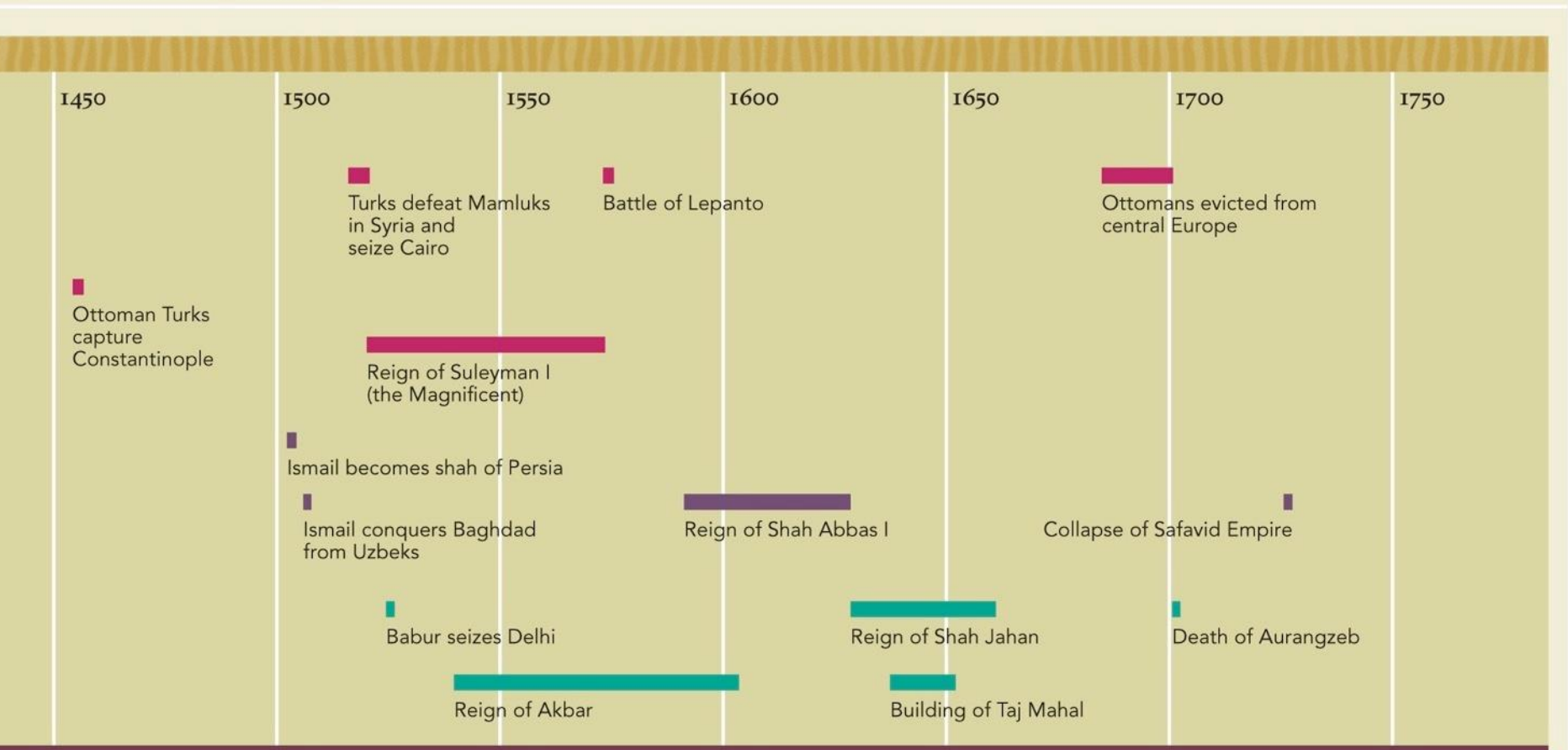
**Competition with VOC  
resulted in Anglo-Dutch  
Wars (1652).**

**Cash flow with China leads  
to Opium Wars (1839)**



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### CHAPTER TIMELINE





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## Chapter 17 – The East Asian World

