

CULTURE!

Turkey



Turkey today!

- ▶ Turkey is still a vibrant and flourishing country
- ▶ Currently trying to gain admission into the E.U.
- ▶ 2010's Cultural destination in Europe
- ▶ Still see reminiscences of the Ottoman Empire and past alive and well today



HISTORY IN CULTURE

Things that are
connected to the
Ottoman past



Flag :

- ▶ Crescent moon and star a symbol of Islam
- ▶ Shows importance of Islamic past...and present



Headstones

- ▶ Showed rank of the person who died
- ▶ Bigger the turban/fez = higher the social/political rank
- ▶ Not still used today

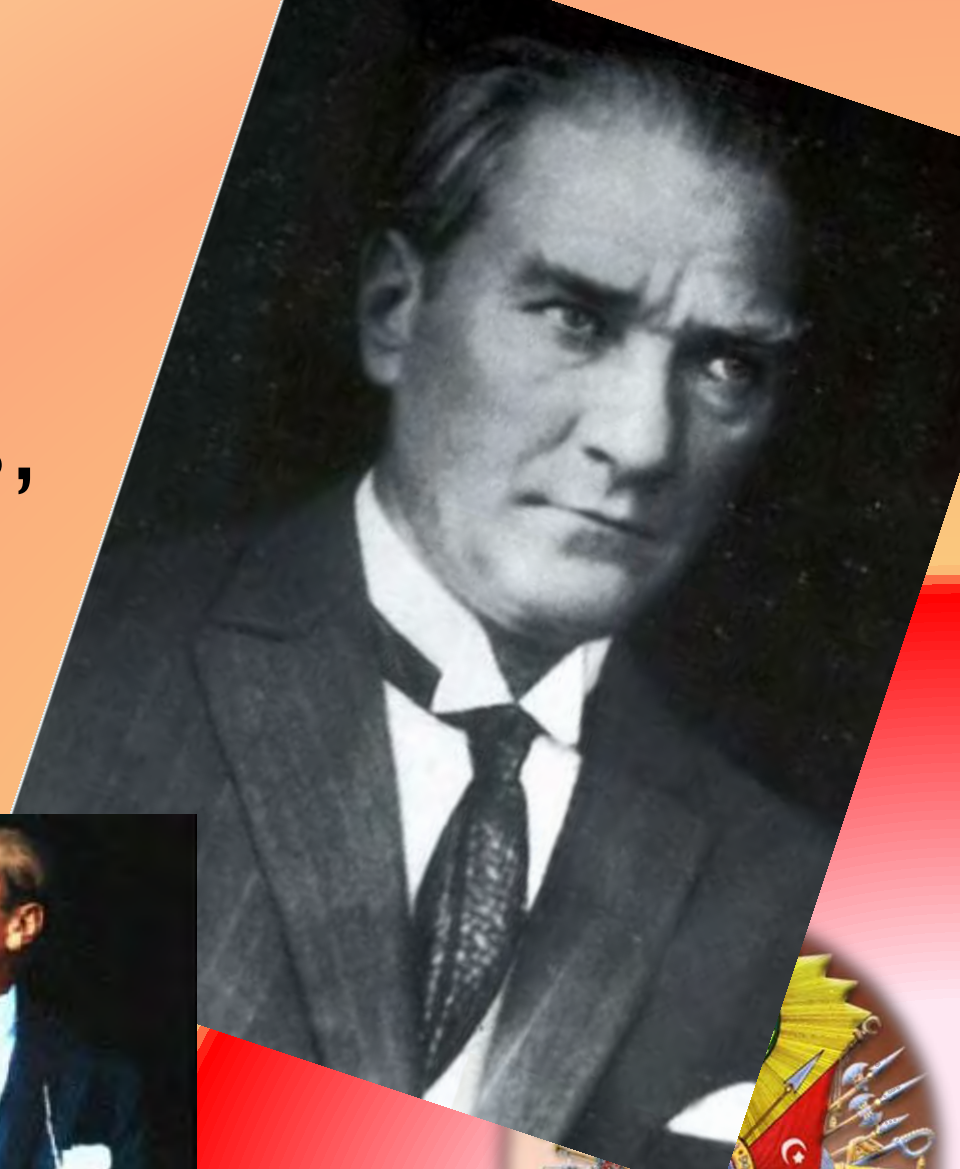
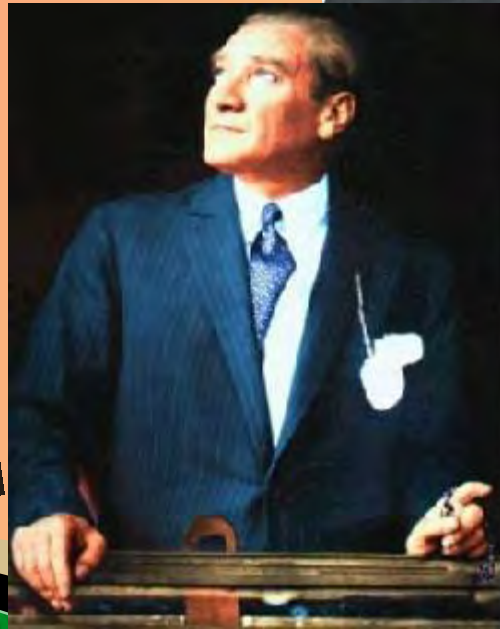






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- ...everywhere,
groceries, stores,
bazaars



Religion and Architecture – Mosques



Blue Mosque



How to Enter a Mosque

- ▶ Remove 1 shoe, step on to the “transition area”
- ▶ While standing on one foot, remove the other shoe and feel free to step on the transition area (don’t step on this area w/ your shoes on!)
- ▶ *Ladies, make sure to cover your heads with a scarf



Parts of a Mosques

- ▶ Minbar
- ▶ Mithrab



Minbar



Mihrab



Prayer Rugs



Prayer Beads



(Iznik) Tiles





Green Mosque in Izkik





Famous Mosques...

- ▶ Blue Mosque
- ▶ Hagia Sophia (symbolic of Ottoman Empire)

