CULTURE!

Turkey
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
Crescent moon and star a symbol of Islam
Shows importance of Islamic past...and present
Showed rank of the person who died
Bigger the turban/fez = higher the social/political rank
Not still used today
Ataturk

- 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
Green Mosque in Izkik
Famous Mosques...

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