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 reminisces of the Ottoman Empire and past alive and well today.
Things you will 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
Ataturk

- ...everywhere, groceries, stores, bazaars
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

- Mimbar
- Mithrab
(Iznik) Tiles
Green Mosque in Izkik
- Blue Mosque
- Hagia Sophia (symbolic of Ottoman Empire)
FOOD AND DRINK
...hope you like olive oil 😊
Green Beans

w/ olive oil and tomatoes
Often served w/ long green peppers (sometimes spicy, sometimes not)
Kebabs

- Comes in all different kinds of meat
Ayran

- A yogurt type drink, thin enough you can drink it with a straw
- Salty but good on hot days
Sesame encrusted bagel/pretzel cross
Apple tea is their specialty!
Thick and rich...usually drunk w/ sugar (I prefer 2)
WHAT THEY WEAR
Not This!...
These are Stereotypes!

- Fez, turban
Mostly like ours
Diverse
Fezzes...no
Head Scarves...yes
HANDCRAFTS & BAZAARS
Rugs
Buying a Rug

- Process could take hours
- Some are VERY expensive
How they are made
The Spice Bazaar
To protect against evil spirits
How is the prevalence of Evil Eye reflective of Ottoman history
The People

- Soo Friendly
- How might Ottoman history contribute to this cultural aspect of the Turkish people
CULTURE
The Balkans
More hostile attitudes towards the Ottomans.
If something goes wrong a common expression is, “what do you expect, we were controlled by the Turks”
Some were bitter or fought against the Janissary system
At times in history though, the Balkans welcomed the Ottomans as liberators from their own cruel regimes
Different Food/Drink...or not

- Have Bosnian (Turkish) coffee
- More meat than Turkey
- Albania...lots of pasta
Don’t worry, this is not a terry bear voodoo doll
The Evil Eye modification

- Albania
- Evil Eye was suppressed during communist rule (religion/superstition was considered the “opiate of the masses”)
- Albania the only country to officially be declared an atheist country
- So people used stuffed animals instead of evil eyes to protect their homes so they wouldn’t be breaking the law.
But, you just can’t keep a good bear down