

THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Turkey, and the Balkans
(Serbia, Bosnia, Croatia,
Montenegro, Albania, Greece)



Brief history and culture of Turkey and Balkan
areas under the former Ottoman Empire

The Ottoman Empire...

- ▶ An Empire before its time?
Or
- ▶ An Empire doomed to fail?



Journal Question

- ▶ Which do you think makes a better government...
- ▶ one that is accepting and tolerant of people who are different
or
- ▶ one that encourages, by force if necessary its people to be the same in order to create a more unified nation?

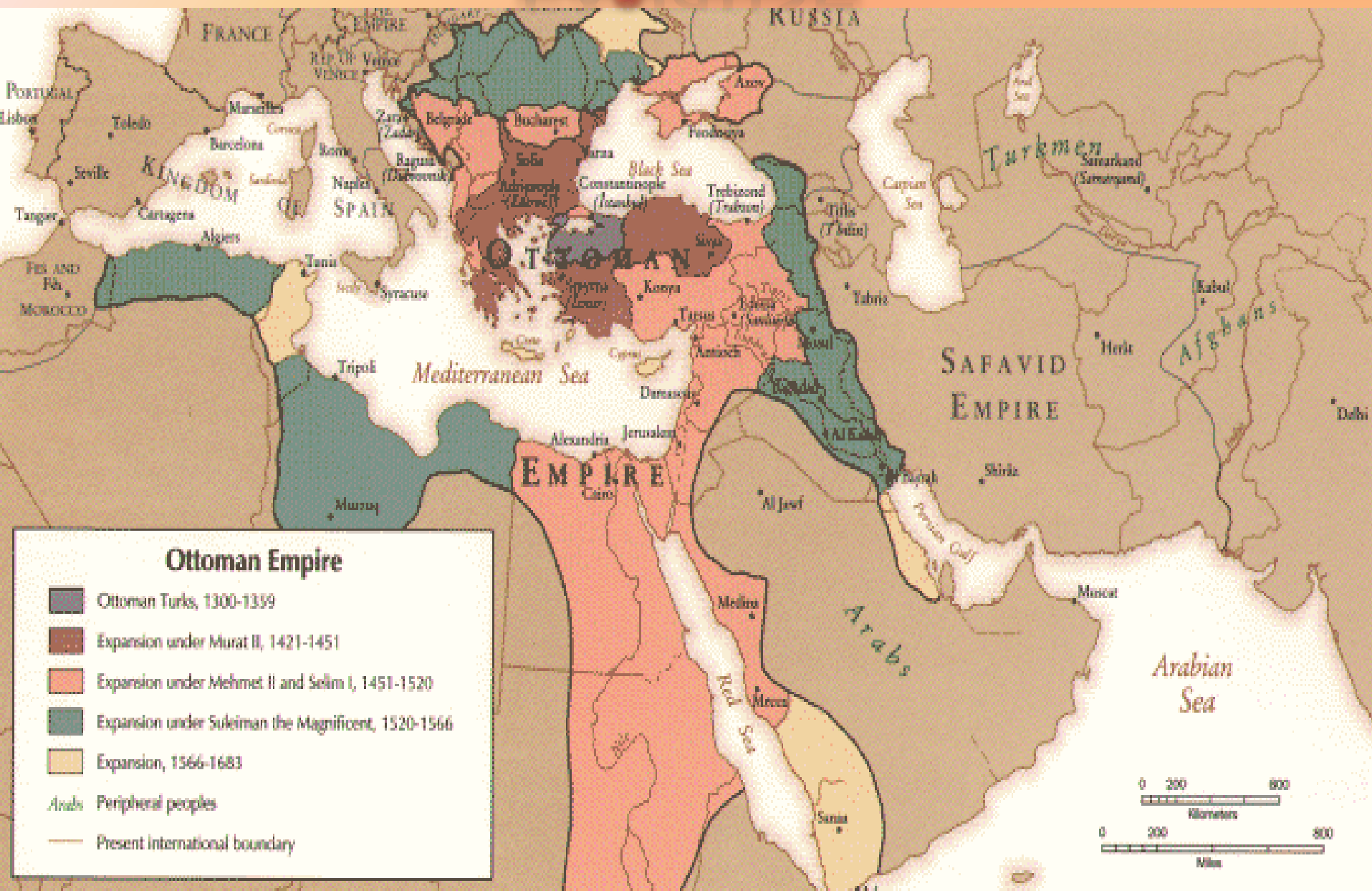


The Goal...

- ▶ Find the connections between history and current culture
- ▶ Because...
- ▶ Like it or not; realize it or not, we are all affected by the past



Expanse



Note!!

- ▶ Pay attention to notes that have a **
- ▶ These are things that are going to influence/affect the Ottomans or modern day culture



Nomadic Roots

- ▶ Ottoman empire began in modern day Turkey
- ▶ People are descendants of pastoral nomadic tribes from Central Asia
- ▶ In 10th century these tribes begin to move east
- ▶ Called themselves Oguz
- ▶ called Turkomans/“Turks” by their enemies
- ▶ Raiding of weaker neighbors (esp. the Byzantines) was common
- ▶ No formal govt. or laws
 - Temporary leadership in the form of “Hans”
- ▶ Tribal society**
 - loyalty, bravery family and hospitality important
- ▶ Shamanistic beliefs**
 - Nature worship
 - Man was powerless
 - Good & evil spirits



Nomadic movement out of Asia



The Seljuks

- ▶ Invaded Persia in the 11th Century and conquered Bagdad
- ▶ Became mercenary guards for the Abbasid caliphs in Bagdad and protected them against outside threats
- ▶ Tugrul Bey became protector of the faith and champion of Orthodox Islam
- ▶ Seljuk rule spread to Central Asia, Palestine, Iraq and northern Iran



The Seljuk Empire



Seljuks cont.

- ▶ Alp Arslan extended Seljuk rule into Syria, Armenia and sent raids into Anatolia (alarmed Byzantines)
- ▶ Battle of Manzikert (1071), Byzantine army destroyed and emperor captured
- ▶ Seljuks did not seek to govern Anatolia
- ▶ Left a vacuum of power
- ▶ Series of Turkish Islamic state develop (most famous was Seljuk Sultanate of Rum)



Alp Arslan & Battle of Manzikert





Seljuk Trade

- ▶ Seljuks continue to expand and reach the Mediterranean and Black Sea
- ▶ Establish a trade
- ▶ Form trade alliances w/ Byzantines, and other Europeans in the Mediterranean
- ▶ Set up hans or caravanserais for travelers***

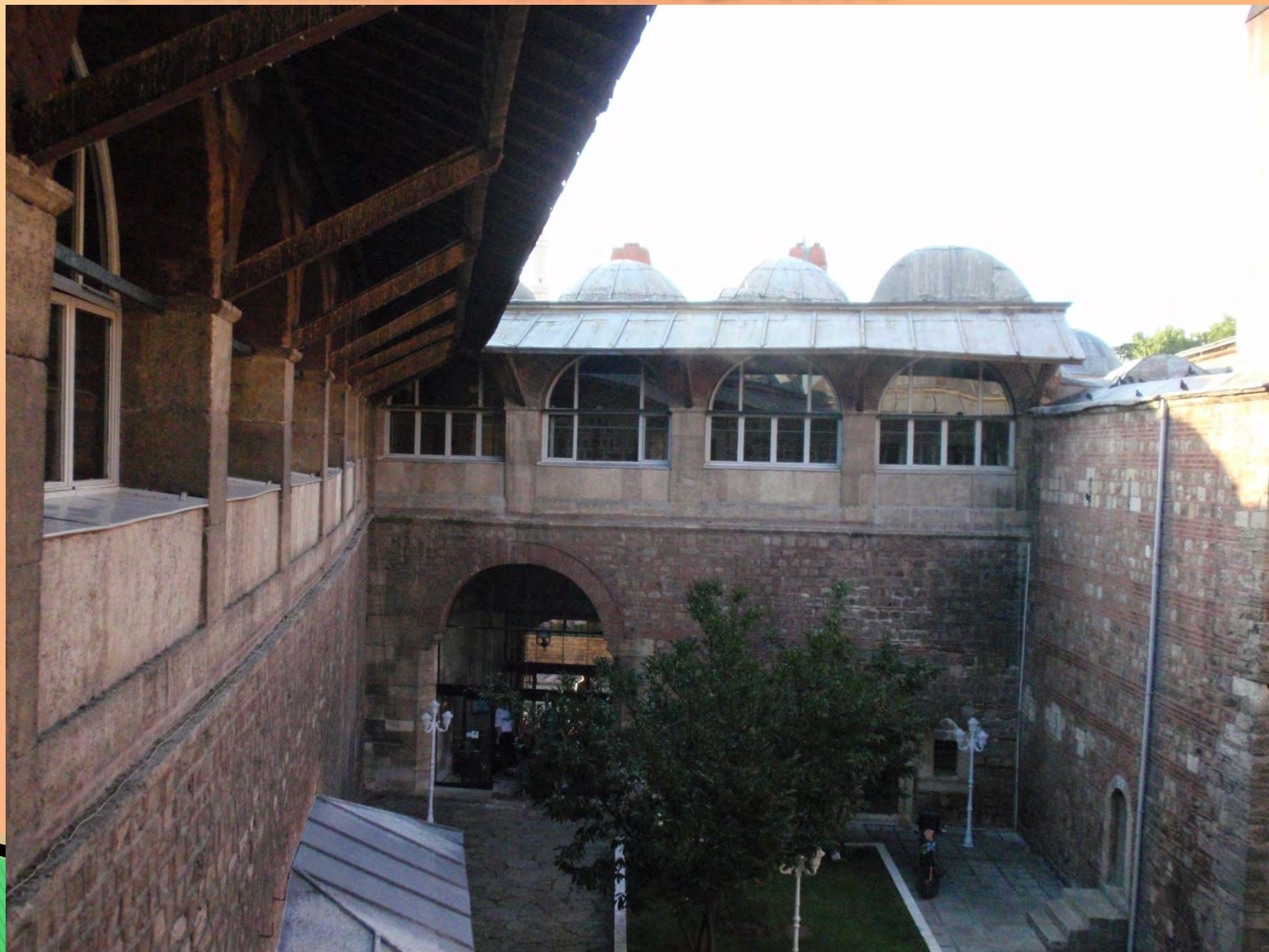


Caravanserai at Edirne Today (Ottoman)

- Made into a modern hotel



Center Courtyard



Mongol Invasion

- ▶ 1243 Mongols defeat Seljuk forces
- ▶ 1308 Seljuks are reduced to vassals of the Mongols
- ▶ During 13&14 centuries, many Christian convert to Islam (tax reduction)**
- ▶ Ruled Anatolia until 1335 when Beylik states begin to be set up by rebel Turkmen tribes of frontier warriors (ghazis)**



The Middle East: an ideal birth place for Islam?

- ▶ Nomadic society values (hospitality family, courage, and loyalty) must defend herds and family
- ▶ Sufi Islam (mystic) will become popular because of its connection and appeal to people with a Shamanistic belief heritage
- ▶ Ghazi warrior and raiding fits with well with the idea of being a warrior for the faith (still get to keep fighting)
- ▶ Not to mention the tax benefit! 😊



Ertugrul (1231–1280)

- ▶ was a leader of a small army that helped the Seljuks win a battle against the Mongols
- ▶ Seljuks awarded him w/ an emirate based in Eskisehir
- ▶ Absorbs the Seljuks of Rum as the Seljuk state falls into further decline



Ertugrul



The Basis of his Emirate (Eskisehir)



Ertugrul's Tomb





OSMAN GAZI'NIN
M. KAHRI TAĞIDIR

Osman (1280–1324)

- ▶ Son of Ertughrul
- ▶ Became the founder of the Ottoman Empire
- ▶ Made Bursa his capital
- ▶ Osman's dream
 - Tree, symbolizing the empire, w. its roots spread throughout 3 continents and its branches covering the sky
- ▶ Expanded empire to encompass the Mediterranean coast in Asia Minor



Osman and his dream...

Empire will touch 3 continents



**The Ottoman Empire
Under Suleiman I
the Magnificent,
1580**

200 Miles

Empire under Osman (pink)

