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Ottoman and Safavid Empire

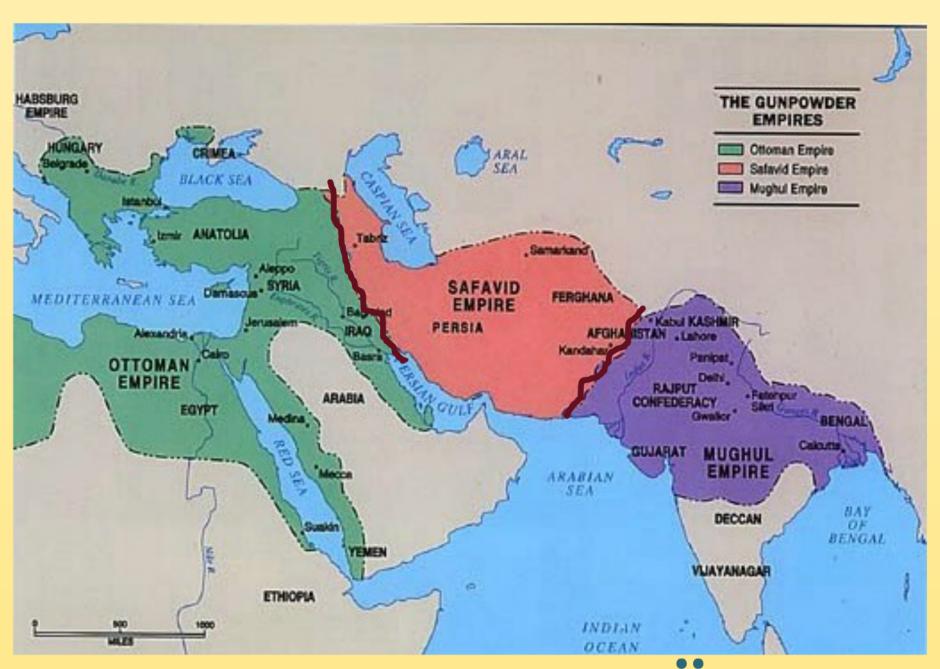
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> Ottoman Empire= 1299-1922 Safavid Empire= 1501-1722

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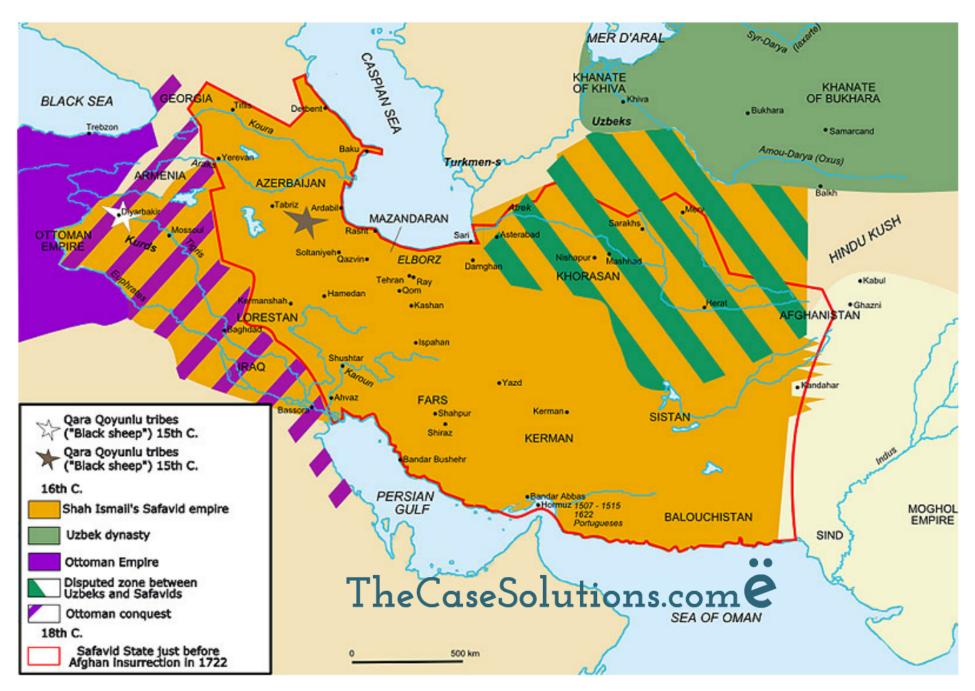
- Originated in Turkey.
- Grew to northern Africa to Switzerland.
- Ottomans controlled Balkan Peninsula.
- Conquered Greece, Macedonia, and Syria.
- Controlled major cities like Jerusalem, Baghdad, and Constantinople.
 - Ruled over Atlas Mountains and Caucus mountains.
 - One of the largest empires in history.
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- Stuck between Uzbek and Ottoman empire.
- Neighbors with the Mughal Empire.
- On the Persian Gulf.
- Had access to Persian Gulf and Caspian Sea.
- Ruled over current day Iran.
- Ruled over parts of Turkey and Georgia at it's height.
- Also controlled bits of Caucus Mountains
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Ottoman Keligion

- The main religion of the Ottoman empire was Islam
- They practiced Shia Islam (or Shi'ism)
- Ottomans increased Islamic territory through Jihad, or the struggle to defend Islam
- In the Ottoman empire, they also had a millet system which gave minor religions some power to regulate their own affairs
- They had Orthodox Christian, Jewish, and Armenian Christian millets
- In return, Non- Muslims had to give some of their children as a tax under the devshrime
- The children were then converted into Muslim slaves
- These children played a big part in the

takeover of Constantinople
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Safavid Religion

- •Shah Ismail of the Safavid empire's main goal was to convert everyone in the empire to a form of Islam called Shi'ism
- •Most of the population at the time were Sunnis, a different form of Islam
- •Sunnis believe that the first four caliphs (Muhammad's successors) rightfully took Muhammad's place.
- •Shiites believe that only the heirs of the fourth caliph, Ali, were the only rightful successors of Muhammad
- •Brought in scholars from Shiite countries to form a new religious elite
- A Sadr (official) was appointed to coordinate this elite
- ·Safavids spent money trying to promote the religion
- •Started killing Sunni Muslims and Shiites with different views
- •Reduced the importance of going on a pilgrimage to Mecca and replaced it with Shiite shrines
- •People of the empire started embracing the faith
- Celebrated festivals very enthusiastically
- •Most important festival was Ashura, where Shia Muslims mark the death of Husayn (a Timurid ruler)

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