

The Ottoman Empire and the West in the Nineteenth Century

1. Why was the Ottoman Empire known as “The Sick Man of Europe”?

2. What two forces helped to diminish the size of the Ottoman Empire?

3. What were the political and economic problems of the Ottoman Empire?
Politically,

Economically,

4. Compare Ottoman Empire reforms with China during the 19th century.

5. In what ways did the Ottoman state under Sultan Selim III try to *reform* itself in its attempt to modernize?

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6. Explain the “Young Ottomans” urgings of Islamic Modernism.

7. How did Sultan Abd al-Hamid II rule the Ottoman Empire (1876-1909) after he had taken office?

8. What did the Young Turks do to oppose the revived despotism of the Sultan?

9. Compare the outcomes of China and the Ottoman Empire by the twentieth century.

China	Similarities	Ottoman Empire
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•••	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both had experienced the consequences of a rapidly shifting balance of global power.•••	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The collapse of the Ottoman Empire after WWI led to a creation of a new but smaller nation-state in the Turkish heartland of the old empire, having lost its vast Arab and European provinces.•••

Explain the significance of each of the following:

Social Darwinism—

Ulama—

Shogun—

Commodore Matthew Perry—

Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905)—