

The First Term English Test

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Read the text below carefully then do the activities

The Turks were a people who had come from central Asia to settle in what is now Turkey. It was called Anatolia then. Osman I was a leader of the Turkish tribes in the area. In 1299, he united many of the independent states in the region to form the Ottoman Empire and Bursa became its first capital.

The Ottoman Empire continued to grow by adding more states. Edirne in Thrace, north of Greece, became the next capital in 1365. In 1453, Mehmet II captured the city of Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire. He was then called an emperor. He made the city the capital of his empire after he had changed its name to Istanbul.

When Suleiman the Magnificent reigned from 1520-1566, much more land was added to the Ottoman Empire. The Empire took over much of Eastern Europe including Hungary and Greece. Suleiman was called the Lawgiver. He was thought to be the head of all the Muslims on earth. He wrote poetry and set up laws in a different way. He had mosques built in the Middle East. The art of the Ottomans, like pottery and calligraphy, became famous. The Ottoman Empire reached its height during the reign of Suleiman the Magnificent.

The Empire stopped growing in the 1600's. India and Europe began to compete economically with the Ottoman Empire which had been plagued with internal corruption and lack of leadership. After the Battle of Vienna in 1683, the Ottoman Empire knew that it was no longer a very big power. The empire had continued to decline until the Republic of Turkey was established on October 29, 1923.

http://www.softschools.com/language_arts/reading_comprehension/social_studies/384/ottoman_empire/

Comprehension:

1- Say whether these statements are true or false:

- a- The Turks originated from Europe.
- b- Constantinople had been part of the Byzantine Empire before it was captured by the Ottomans.
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- c- Suleiman the Magnificent expanded the Ottoman Empire.
- d- The Ottoman Empire started to decline in 1923.

2- Answer the following questions according to the text:

A- Who first created the Ottoman Empire?

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B- What is the period that represents the 'golden age' of the Ottoman Empire?

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C- List from the text two reasons for the fall of the Ottoman Empire.

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3- In which paragraph is it mentioned that *The Ottoman Empire disappeared because of many reasons?* In Paragraph N°.....

4- What or whom do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- a) he (§1)..... b) his (§2).....
c) its (§3)

 Text Exploration:

1- Find in the text words which are closest in meaning to the following:

- a- conquered (§2) = b- leader (§3) =
c- strength (§4) =

2- Fill the table using the appropriate words:

Verb	Noun	Adjective
.....		United
.....	Power	
To compete		

3- Re-write the sentence B so that it means the same as sentence A.

A- The Ottoman Empire had a great power during the reign of Suleiman the Magnificent; however, it started to lose its influence in the 1600's.

B- Despite.....
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A- Mehmet II had captured Constantinople before he made it a capital of his empire.

B- As soon as
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4- Classify the following words according to their number of syllables:

region- stopped- independent- mosque – republic- battle- leadership- magnificent.

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables	Four syllables
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5- Fill in the gaps with the given words to make the following paragraph meaningful.

centuries - replaced- end - created.

The Ottoman Empire was by Turkish tribes in Anatolia (Asia Minor); then it grew to be one of the most powerful states in the world during the 15th and 16th
The Ottoman period spanned more than 600 years and came to an only in 1922, when the empire was by the Turkish Republic.

