

Expanding Empires Outside Europe

What made empires outside Europe rise and decline?

PREVIEW

An empire is a major political unit having a territory of great area. The term is derived from the Latin *imperium*, meaning power and authority. An empire has politico-military control over a number of territories of different peoples who are culturally and ethnically distinct from the imperial ruling group. A single sovereign authority, such as a monarch, sultan, or emperor, rules over the economic and social lives of the empire's peoples.

Rewrite the definition above in easy to understand, everyday language.

After reading Section 1 in the Student Text and examining the map of the Ottoman Empire, answer these questions:

- What evidence in the text supports your definition of “empire”?
- What evidence from the map supports your definition of “empire”?
- Besides the Ottoman Empire, what other empires have you studied in world history?

READING NOTES

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

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Sections 2 to 6

Complete the matrix on the student handout titled **Matrix for Empires Outside Europe**. If your class is doing the activity, you will:

1. fill in the row of your assigned empire while in your Empire Group.
2. fill in the column of your assigned factor while in your Factor Group.
3. complete the rest of the matrix during the class presentations.

PROCESSING

A eulogy is a speech or written work that praises a person or thing, especially a deceased person.

Decide which empire in this lesson you think was the most impressive. Create a eulogy praising that empire. Use the model below to spark your thinking.

Your eulogy must:

- contain references to how each of the five types of factors (military, cultural, political, economic, and social) helped the empire rise and thrive.
- sorrowfully explain two reasons why the empire declined.
- include at least one illustration and other appropriate decorative touches.
- contain correct spelling and grammar. Type or write your final draft neatly in ink.

