

Chapter 21 Guide Questions
“The Muslim Empires”

Please prepare your answers to the following questions as you would prepare a thesis statement.

- 1) Compare the causes for decline in all of the Islamic early modern empires and explain how the decline was related to the rise of the West.
- 2) Compare the problems confronting both the early modern Muslim empires and the earlier Umayyad and Abbasid empires.
- 3) Compare the three Muslim empires.
- 4) Trace the decline of the Ottoman Empire in the 17th century.
- 5) Compare the declines of the Abbasid and Ottoman empires.
- 6) Compare the social and economic organization of the Ottomans and Safavids.
- 7) Evaluate the reasons for the failure of the Mughal dynasty.
- 8) Compare the weaknesses of all the Muslim empires.

Key Terms, People, Events: Aurangzeb, Humayan, Abu Taleb, Taj Mahal, Suleyman the Magnificent, Jahangir, Mumtaz Mahal, Nadir Khan Afshar, Ottomans, padishah, Red Heads, Selim, Shah Abbas the Great, Shi'a, vizier, Akbar, Sunni, Nur Jahan, Golden Horn, Shah Jahan, Marattas, jizya, Mehmed II, Zoroastrians, Isma'il, Gunpowder Empires, imams, shah, Safavid Dynasty, Babur, Battle of Lepanto, Din-i-Ilahi, Hagia Sophia, Isfahan, Francois Bernier, Sikhs, purdah, Janissaries, Abbas II, Chaldiran, Tahmasp I, mullahs, Sail al-Din, Mughal Dynasty