The Gunpowder Empires

- Ottoman Empire
- Mughal Empire
- Safavid Empire
1453 CE The Fall of Constantinople (The Byzantine Empire is gone)
Hagia Sophia converted to a mosque
Ottoman Empire

The Ottoman Empire Under Suleiman I the Magnificent, 1580

200 Miles
Suleyman the Magnificent

• Patron of the arts
• High point of the Ottomans
• Used a civil service examination system
• Had a skilled bureaucracy
• Control of trade
Janissaries
Devshirme

- The process of recruiting janissaries
Jizya

- Tax on non-Muslims
- Can be used as evidence of religious toleration since people were allowed to keep their religion
Mughals (Islamic minority rule in a majority Hindu population)
Akbar the Great

- Patron of the arts
- Religiously tolerant
- Abolishes Jizya
- Outlaws sati
- Widows can remarry
Safavid Empire
Battle of Chaldiran