

# Islamic Empires WebQuest

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Ottoman Empire

- Go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/>
- Click on History, then select Ottoman Empire. What years did the Ottoman Empire exist? \_\_\_\_\_
- Read the Introduction.
  - What empire did the Ottoman Empire replace?
  - When did the Ottoman Empire reach its height?
  - The Ottoman Empire existed in what modern-day countries/regions?
- Read "Why was the empire successful?"
  - List 5 reasons for the Ottoman Empires success.
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  - Which reason for success do you think made the most difference for the Ottomans? Explain your choice.
- Read the section on the Decline.
  - List 5 reasons for the Ottoman Empires decline.
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  - Which reason for decline do you think had the biggest impact? Explain your choice.



## The Safavid Empire

- At the bottom of the page under "Find Out More," select "Safavid Empire." What years did the Safavid Empire exist? \_\_\_\_\_
- Read the Introduction and Summary.
  - In what modern-day countries did the Safavid Empire exist? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Which branch of Islam did the Safavids practice? \_\_\_\_\_
  - According to the article, all other religions, including other branches of Islam, were suppressed. What do you think suppressed means? (use context clues)

d. What caused the decline of the Safavid Empire?

8. Read the origins section.

a. Before they took over the Persian Empire, what type of group did the Safavid brotherhood form?

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b. In the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the brotherhood began to wage “jihad.” Click on the word “jihad.” The literal meaning of jihad is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. What are the three different kinds of jihad/struggle?

i.

ii.

iii.

9. Go back to the page on the Safavids and scroll down to “Strengths.” Summarize the strengths of the Safavid empire.

### The Mughal Empire

10. At the bottom of the page under “Find Out More,” select “Mughal Empire.” What years did the Mughal Empire exist? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Read the Introduction and answer the following:

a. What region of the world did the Mughal Empire control? \_\_\_\_\_

b. List FOUR changes that the Mughals brought to India:

i.

ii.

iii.

iv.

c. Read the section on “Babur.” Who was Babur? Why was he significant?

d. Read the section on “Abu Akbar.” Who was Abu Akbar? Why was he significant?

e. Read the section on “Jahan.” What famous landmark was built during Jahan’s rule? \_\_\_\_\_

f. Read the section on “Aurangzeb.” What caused the decline of the Mughal Empire?

### Timeline

Use the information above to record the rise and fall of each of the three empire on the timeline below. (Note: You should have 6 dates total).