

LAND-BASED EMPIRES IN 1450-1750
THE OTTOMAN, SAFAVID, AND MUGHAL EMPIRES
RUSSIA AND CHINA

During this time period in world history (1450-1750), the world experiences the rise of sea-based empires and land-based empires. Sea-based empires include Portugal, Spain, France, England, and the Netherlands – countries that explore the seas and establish overseas trading colonies. Land-based empires are empires that do not establish colonies overseas, and they include Russia, China, the Ottoman Empire, the Safavid Empire, and the Mughal Empire.

As you explore the webquest, consider the similarities and differences between these land-based empires. Many of them use religion and guns to consolidate and expand their rule. Also be thinking about how these land-based empires differ from their sea-based contemporaries.



**As Europe becomes the dominant region on the world stage, these land-based empires are confronted with the question: to westernize and modernize, or to retain our old ways? This question is crucial, and we will expand on what happens to the empires that do NOT modernize in the next unit ☺*

After you have finished the webquest, answer these questions. You will have a test on FRIDAY – and it's open note! For each question, give ONE specific example. Use this as a test review.

1. How did empires attempt to administer the new, large, land-based territories?
2. What role did religion play in legitimizing political rule?
3. In what ways did religion promote *disunity* in or across land-based empires?
4. How were minorities (religious or otherwise) treated in various empires?
5. What was the impact of new military technology in these empires?
6. Compare the Mughal Empire with the Safavid Empire.
7. Compare the Ottoman Empire with the Safavid Empire.
8. What continuities remain in China from its old dynasties to the Ming and Qing Dynasties?
9. Predict: Russia starts to modernize. Do you think that they will fare better than the other land-based empires? Why or why not?