



POP CULTURE IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM

Istanbul and the Ottomans

OTTOMANS

Founded in Anatolia by Turkic tribes

1453 conquest of Constantinople (Byzantine capital) by Mehmet the Conqueror

Mehmet Repaired city walls, built Fatih Camii, Grand Bazaar, Topkapi Palace

17th c tulip mania

Ottomans sided with Germany and Austro-Hungarian empire in WWI and lands dismantled

1924 birth of modern Turkish State



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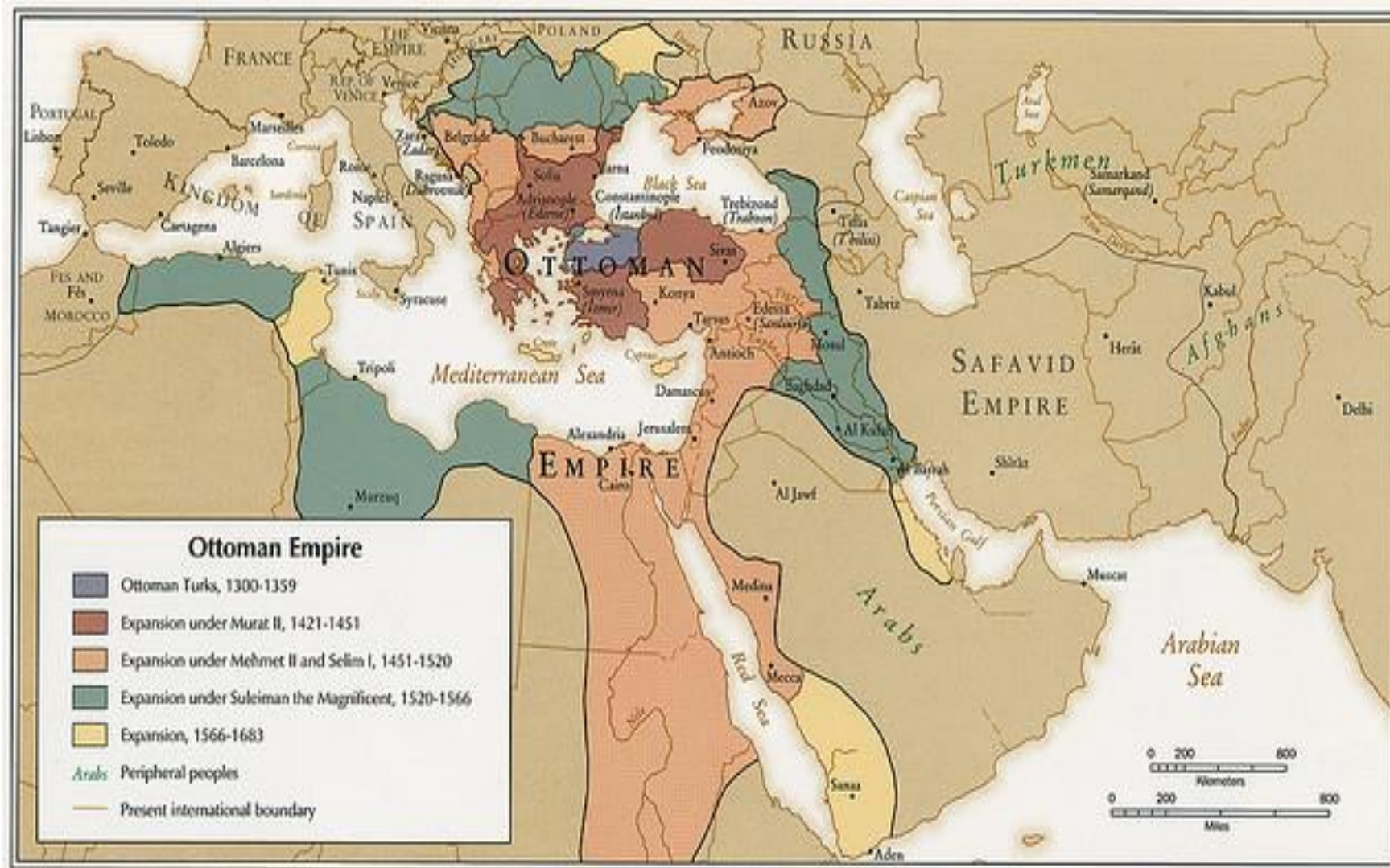
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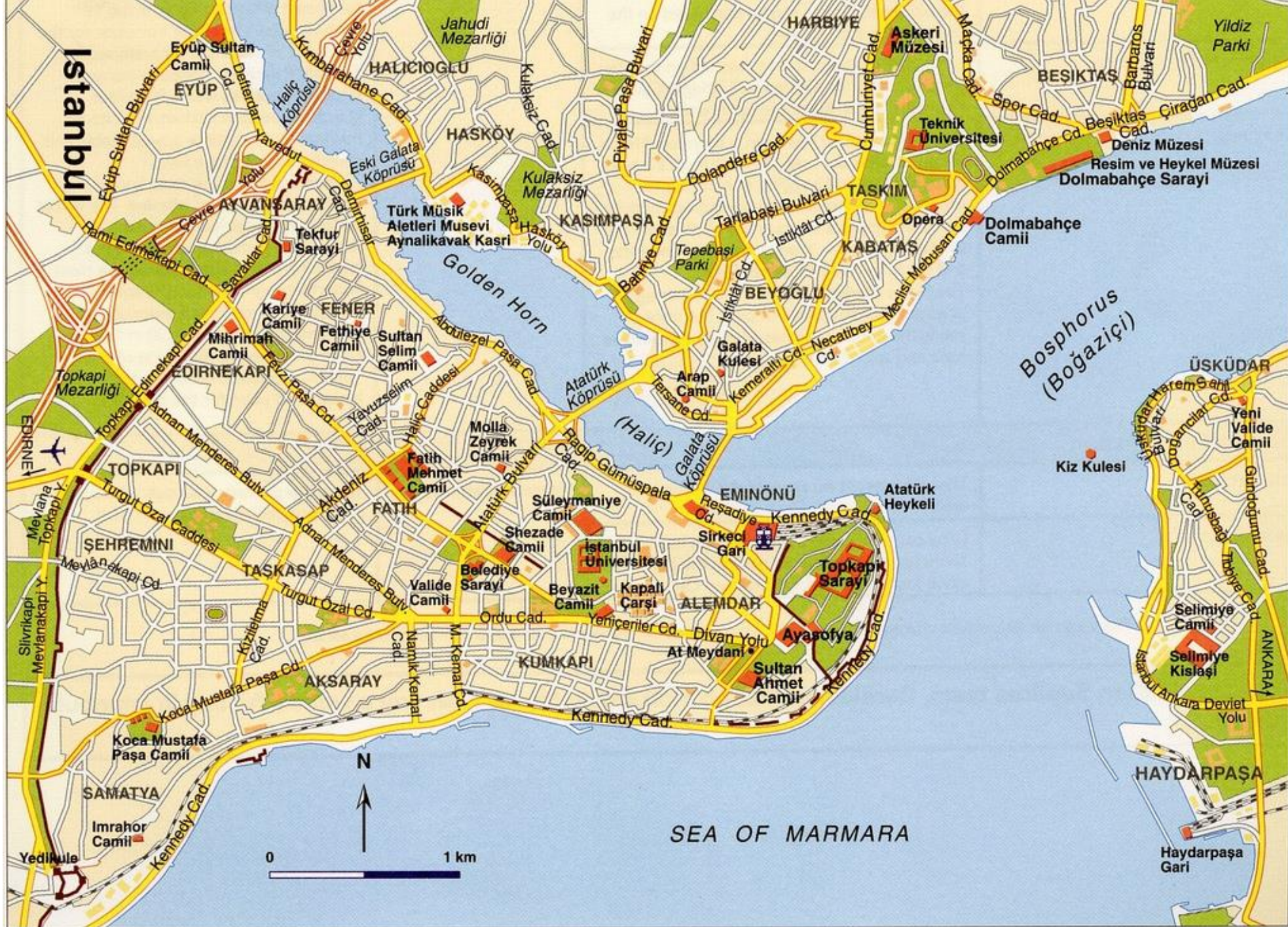


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OTTOMAN EMPIRE (1453-1923)





JANISSARIES 14-19TH C.

Elite infantry, salaried slave-soldiers, periodically forbidden to marry or engage in business

POWS and slaves

Christian young men from Anatolia, the Balkans, Circassia (North Caucasus)

Could be sold to army by parents

Adopted into Turkish families to learn culture and religion and language

Broken into units, spread throughout provinces

1449 revolt for higher salaries, won

By 16th c. Janissary pressure for children to inherit roles

By 16th c. dominated government and could threaten palace coups

Disbanded in 19th c with modernization of army



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ANTOINE IGNACE MELLING
1763-1831
COFFEEHOUSE, ISTANBUL



GUNPOWDER EMPIRES



Safavids: 1501-1722

Mughals: 1526-1757

Ottomans: 1453-1923