Welcome to the Early Modern Period (1450-1750). You are about to meet some brand new empires. They will help branch the world of 1450 to the Modern world. Invest in these Empires because they will last (sorry, Safavids, Aztecs, and Incas…) for 80% of the course. Double down here. It will pay off for the rest of the course to have a good grip on these specifically (also, if you’re coming from a more Euro-centric historical background like I did; these will seem to be mostly new material/things you haven’t heard before. It’s OK. That’s a good thing. You’re learning the REAL history of the planet…). Let’s see how these Empires grew to some of the largest, longest lasting empires in all of earth’s history.

Thematic Focus: Governance (GOV)
A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes.

Essential Questions: How, why, and where did land based empires develop and expand between 1450 and 1750?

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What events signal the **beginning of the early modern period** (the mid-1450s)?

Monarchies in **Europe** in 1450 wanted to control:

Which **social class** was becoming more powerful in Europe?

### Russia:

**Russia:**

Which **two regions** was **Russia** influenced by?

How did **Ivan IV** extend the border of Russia Eastward?

What did **Russia's** expansion depend on?

Who were the **Cossacks** and what did they do?

Why did Russia want to control the **Volga** river?

What **religion** did Russian missionaries want to convert Siberian tribes to?

Where did the Russian Empire **extend** to by 1639?

### Ming:

**Strayer**

p. 505-509

**East Asia:**

The **Ming Dynasty** was established after the Mongols were pushed out of China. What was the result of the Ming
Manchu/Qing: Strayer p. 577-580

Who established the Qing Dynasty?

What caused China to rebuild the Great Wall of China for protection?

What was significant about Emperor Kangxi’s rule AND what regions did he incorporate into China’s rule?

What was notable about Emperor Qianlong’s rule? (where did he expand, what was the reaction to his expansion, etc.)?

Were the following expansion efforts by China successful or unsuccessful:
   - Tibet:
   - Burma:
   - Vietnam:

What was the result of these efforts to expand?

Describe the late years of Emperor Qianlong’s reign:

Why was the White Lotus Society reinstated? Where have we heard of them before?

What was the result of their uprising?

Islamic Gunpowder Empires:
What did the Gunpowder Empires have in common?
What made the **Gunpowder Empires** successful?

Who was **Tamerlane** and where did he conquer?

How did the **Ghazi Ideal** help the Gunpowder Empires grow?

Conquests led by the **Gunpowder Empires** were marked by what?

How did **Tamerlane** encourage the arts?

**Tamerlane’s invasions** were a testament to what?

**Tamerlane’s government** depended on what?

How did Tamerlane **fail**?

Which two major forces would continue to battle with each other into the 14th century?
Ottomans:

**The Ottoman Empire**
Where was the Ottoman Empire located?

Why is the Ottoman Empire significant?

Under Mehmed II, where was the capital city of the Ottoman Empire?

Why was the location of the capital city significant?

What was the Ottoman relationship with Venice?

Why was Suleman I’s siege of Venice significant?

Safavid:

What led to the eventual fall of the Ottoman Empire in 1922?

The Safavid Empire
What was the origin of the Safavid Empire?
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| Why did Russia remain despite the other gunpowder empires falling? |

| Summarize why the Ottoman Empire eventually declined: |

| What were “Harem Politics” and how did they contribute to the fall of the Ottoman Empire? |

| Summarize why the Safavid Empire declined: |

| Summarize why the Mughal Empire declined: |

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