



- *Turkey (Türkiye), known officially as the Republic of Turkey*



- **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: TURKISH**

- **CAPITAL: ANKARA**



- **LARGEST CITY: ISTANBUL**

- **FOUNDER: MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK**

- **POPULATION: 80,810,525**



Turkish Alphabet

Aa Bb Cc Çç Dd Ee Ff Gg Ğğ

Hh İı İi Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn

Oo Öö Pp Rr Ss Şş Tt

Uu Üü Vv Yy Zz



- Turkey is subdivided 7 regions.

▶ Turkey has 81 provinces.  
Most populated ones are  
İstanbul, Ankara, İzmir.

- ▶ Turkey is surrounded by sea on  
three sides:

- ▶ Black Sea in the north
- ▶ Mediterranean in the south
- ▶ Aegean Sea in the west

- ▶ Coast line : 7,200 km

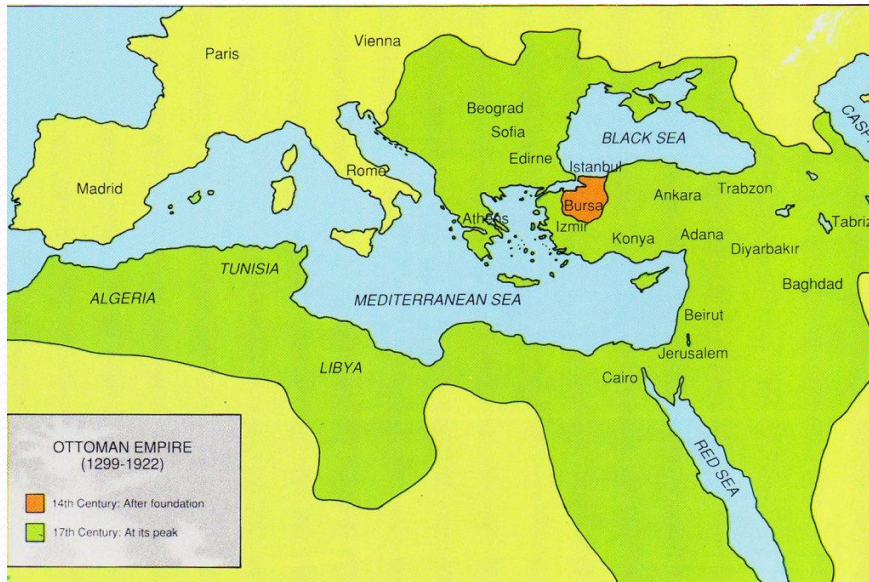


# Who are Turks?

- They are the descendents of Turkish nomads from Central Asia and the many ethnic groups that inhabited the former Ottoman Empire.
  - > Today the term “Turk” commonly refers to citizens of Turkish Republic and represents a national rather than an ethnic identity.
  - > Most Turks are Muslims but the Turkish Republic is a secular state.
  - > Turkish are the heirs to the cultural traditions of the Ottoman Empire and Islam.



- Turks have founded 16 different states until today. The most well-knowns are Ottoman and Seljuk Empire.



Ottoman Empire(M.S. 1299-1922)



Seljuk Empire(M.S. 1035-1157)

- İstanbul is the only city in the world located on two continents, Asia and Europe. Founded in 659 B.C.



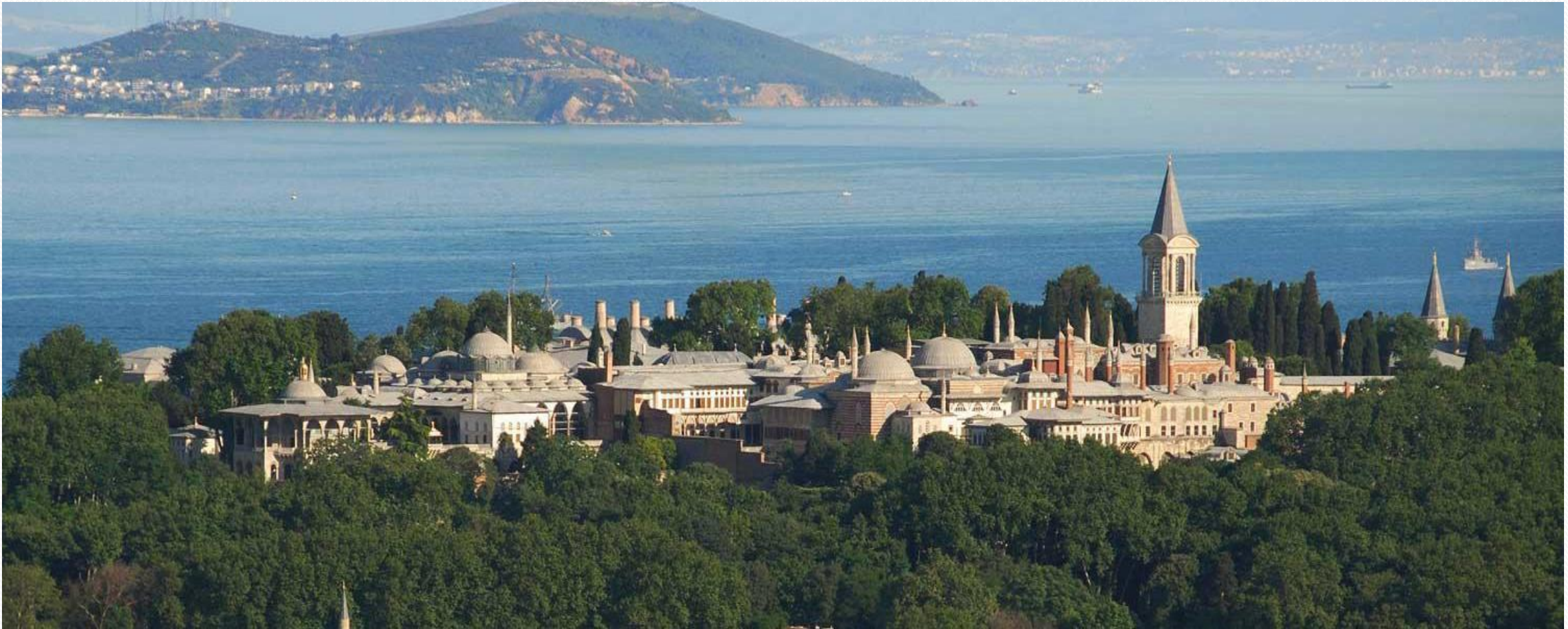


- It was the capital of the Eastern Roman and Ottoman Empires since 330 A.D.





- The famous historical places in İstanbul are Topkapı Palace,





- Hagia Sophia





- Dolmabahçe Palace



- Maiden's Tower



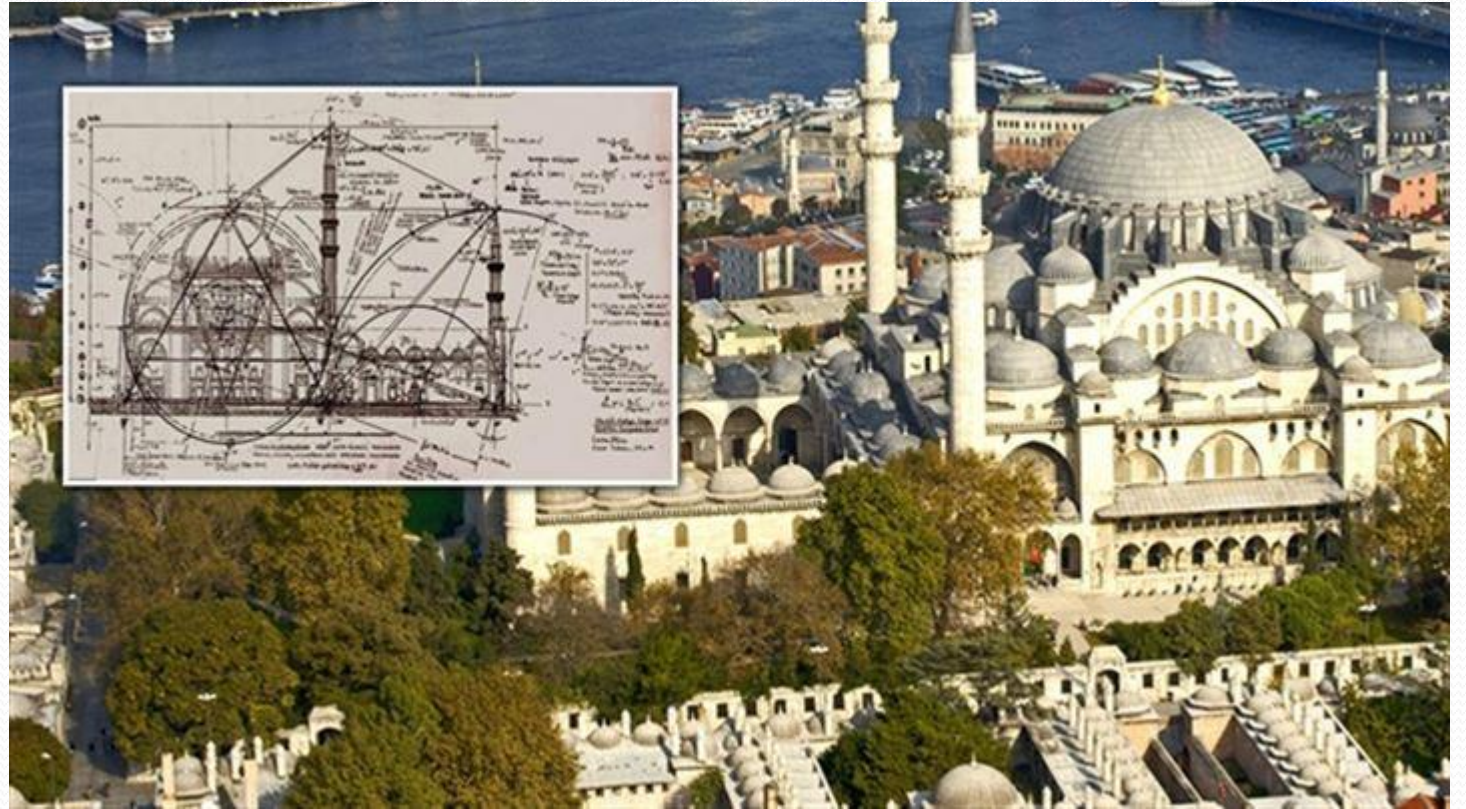
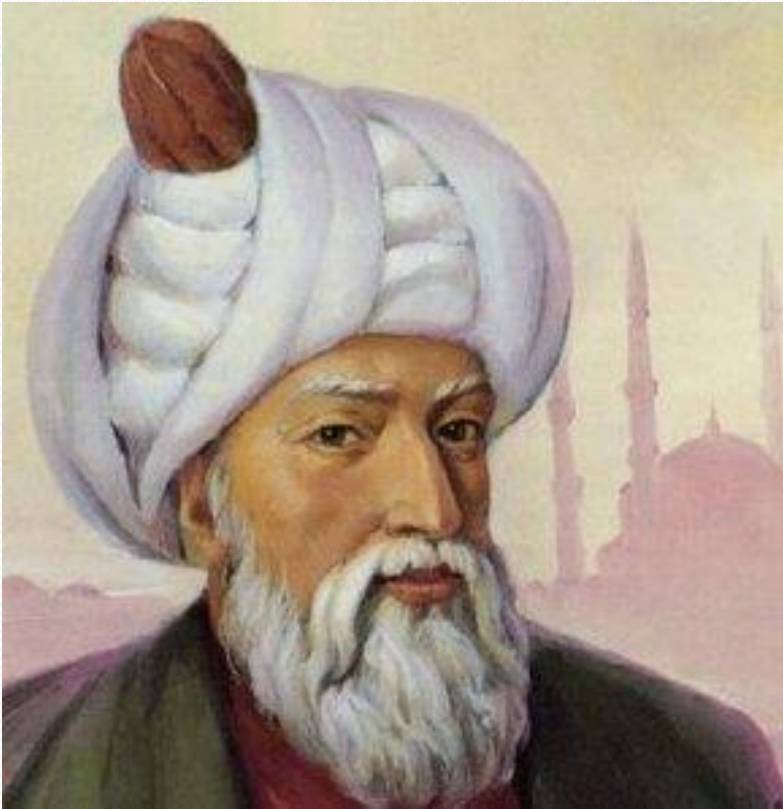


- İstanbul's Grand Bazaar is a 540 year-old covered shopping mall of 64 streets, 4000 shops, 22 entrances and 25,000 workers.





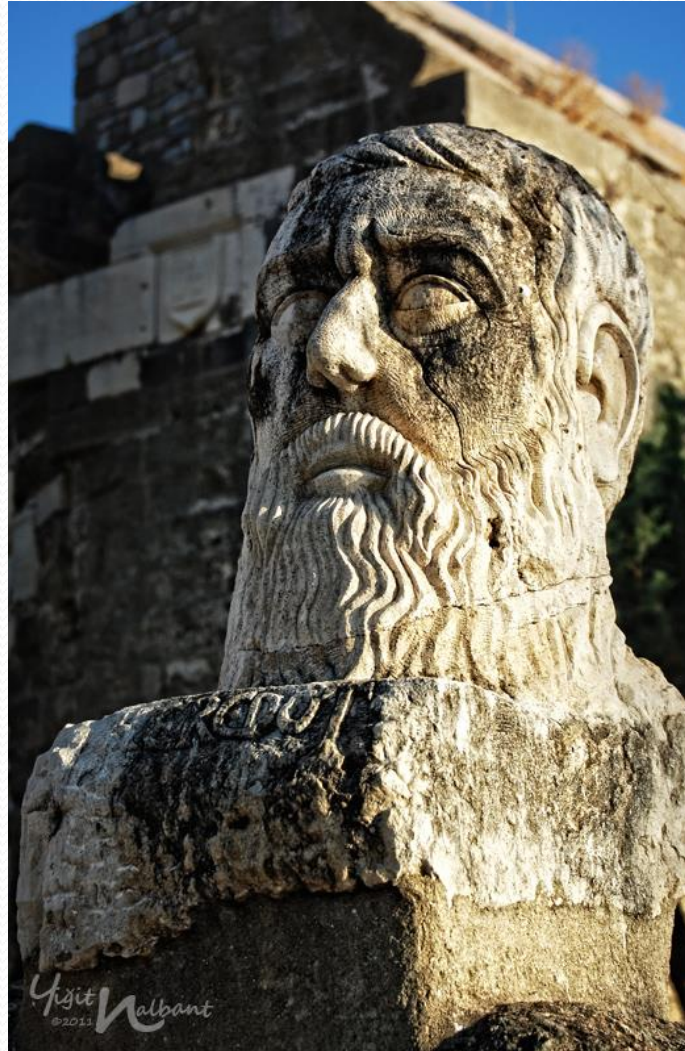
- Mimar Sinan is one of the most renowned architects of the Ottoman Empire.
- He was responsible for the construction of more than 300 major structures.



Süleymaniye Mosque



- Well-known historical figures such as King Midas of the Golden touch, Herodotus the father of history, St. Paul the apostle.



- The first synagogue in Anatolia was built in 1324 with permission of Sultan Orhan.





- St. Nicholas, who became popular as santa Claus, was born in Demre on Turkey's Mediterranean Coast.

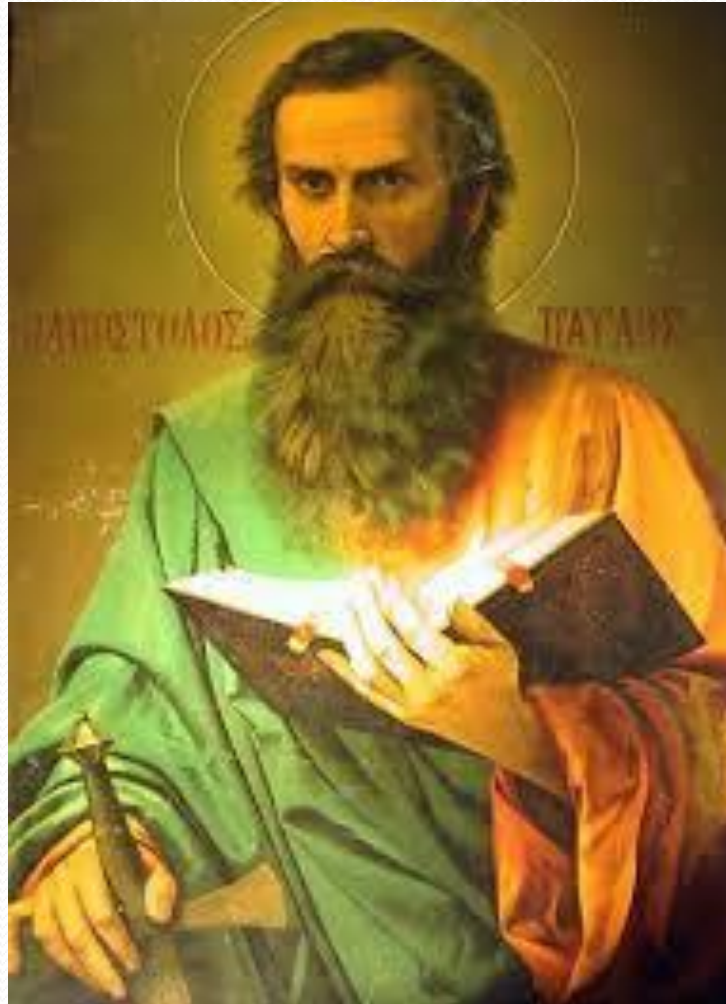


- According to the researches Noah's Ark landed on Ağrı Dağı(Mount Ararat) in Eastern Turkey.





- St. John, St. Nicholas, St. Paul and St. Peter all lived and prayed in southern Anatolia.



- The city of Troy, the site of the ancient Trojan wars, is located in Western Turkey, where a replica of the famous Trojan Horse.





- Turks introduced coffee to Europe.









Thank you.