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**Critical Thinking Questions**

**The Muslim World Expands**

**The Ottomans Build a Vast Empire (Chapter 18 Section 1)**

1.) Why would a ghazi possibly be a better warrior than a regular soldier?

2.) How did new technology help the Ottomans?

3.) Why do you think Ottomans were tolerant of the peoples they conquered?

4.)Do you think the actions of Timur the Lame were justified? Why or why not?

5.) How did the conquest of Constantinople help unite the empire?

6.) Why were the conquests of Selim and Grim culturally significant?

7.) What does the third paragraph under the title “Suleyman the Lawgiver” imply about the influence of Ottoman Empire in northern Africa?

8.) What are the advantages to only controlling the coastal cities instead of the whole area?

9.) How did the devshirme system strengthen the Ottoman Empire?

10.) What can you infer about the relationship of religion to other activities from the description of the Mosque of Suleyman?

11.) What methods could the Ottomans have used to be better rulers?

12.) Do you think Suleyman was a wise ruler? Why?

13.) In general, what factor caused the decline of the Ottoan Empire?

**Cultural Blending (Ch. 18 Section 2)**

14.) What does the third paragraph under “A Safavid Golden Age” imply about the promotion policies of other rulers?

15.) How did the military and art policies of Shah Abbas differ?

16.) What action implies that Shah Abbas thought Europeans had knowledge that his people should learn?

17.) What factors contributed to the decline of the Safavids?

18.) How was Nadir Shah Afshar unlike Shah Abbas?