

Section 3

Europeans Claim Muslim Lands

European nations expand their empires by seizing territories from Muslim states.

Ottoman Empire Loses Power

Reforms Fail

- After Suleyman I dies in 1566, empire starts to decline
- Ottoman Empire falls behind Europe in technology
- Selim III attempts to modernize army and is overthrown
- Subject peoples in Greece and Serbia gain independence
- European powers look for ways to take Ottoman lands *[Visual]*

Europeans Grab Territory

Geopolitics

- **Geopolitics**—taking land for its strategic location or products
- Access to sea trade routes focuses attention on Ottoman lands

Russia and the Crimean War

- Crimean War—Russia attacks Ottomans in 1853 to gain warm-water port *[Visual]*
- Russia loses, but Ottomans are shown to be weak; still lose land



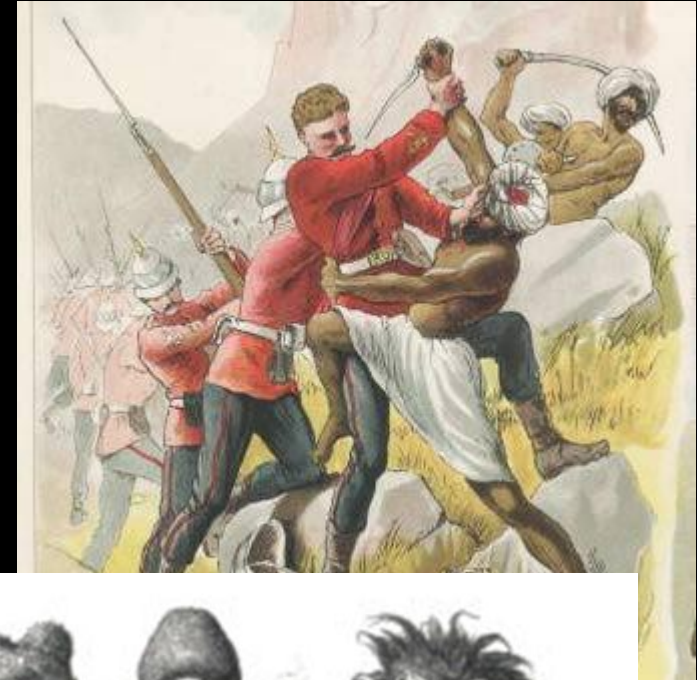
🔍 Corporal Philip Smith winning Victorian Cross during Crimean War assault in Redan, Sebastopol (1855).



Europeans Grab Territory

The Great Game

- Great Game—war waged between Russia and Britain over India
- Battles fought in Afghanistan until British withdrawal in 1881



"SAVE ME FROM MY FRIENDS!"

Egypt Initiates Reforms

Military and Economic Reforms

- Muhammad Ali breaks away from Ottoman control and rules Egypt *[Visual 1]*
- Begins series of reforms in military and economy
- Shifts Egyptian agriculture from food crops to cash crops



His Highness Muhammad Ali Pasha (1769–1849), Egyptian ruler.

The Suez Canal *[Visual 2]*

- Egypt builds **Suez Canal**—human-made waterway
 - connects Red Sea to Mediterranean
- Modernization efforts create huge debt
- British oversee financial control of canal, occupy Egypt in 1882



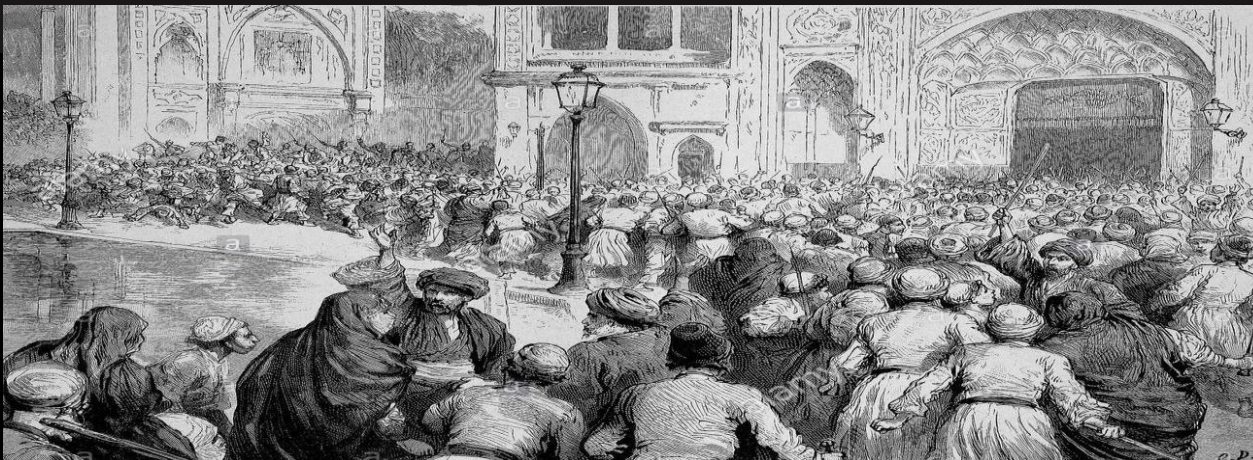
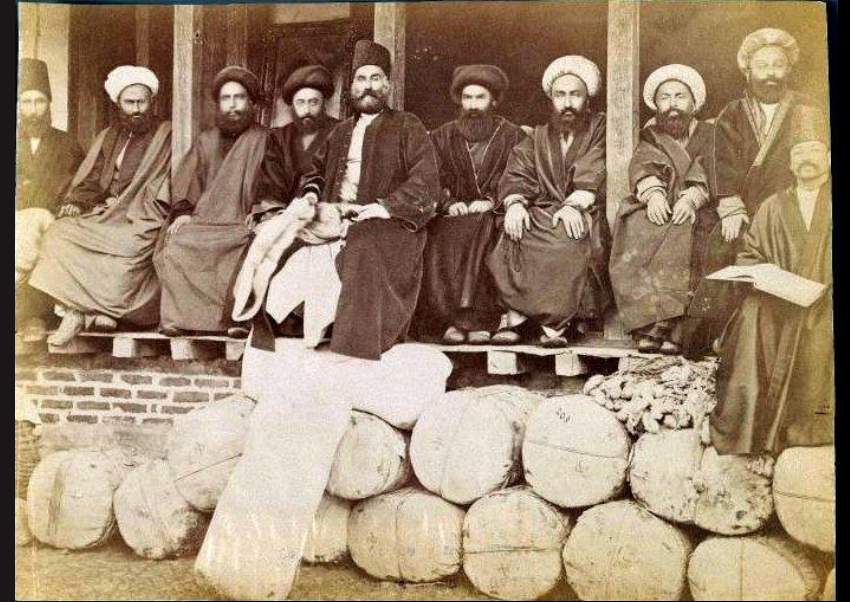
Persia Pressured to Change

The Exploitation of Persia

- Russia wants access to Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean
- Britain wants Persian oil and Afghanistan
- Persia concedes to Western businesses

Battle over Tobacco

- Persian ruler sells concession to Britain to export tobacco
- Persians boycott tobacco, leads to riots
- In 1907, Russia and Britain seize and divide Persia between them



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