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Welcome to Turkey
Welcome to Turkish Land



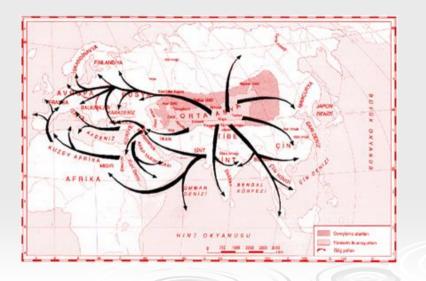








16 Turkish Empires in history





Anatolian Civilizations



Paleolithic- Mesolethic **Aceramic Neolithic-Neolithic Chalcolithic Period Early Bronze Age** Middle and Late Bronze Ages **Archaic Period**

600 000 - 8000 BC 8000 - 5000 BC 5000 - 3000 BC 3000-2000 BC 2000-1200 BC 7th-5th BC

The Persion Period and Greco Persion Style 546-334 BC

460-330 BC

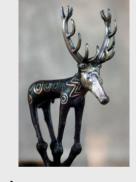
Classical Period

The Hellenistic Period 330-30 BC

The Roman Period 30 BC-AD 395

The Byzantine Period AD 330-1453

- Hatti Civilization
- Troy- II Settlement
- Great Hittite Kingdom
- Urartu Civilization
- The Civilization of Phrygia
- Lydia, Caria and Lycia Civilizations
- Ionian Civilization



2,500 - 2,000 B.C.

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1,750 - 1,200 B.C.

900 - 600 B.C.

750 - 300 B.C.

700 - 300 B.C.

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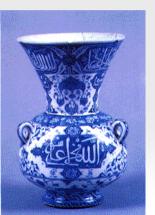
The Seljuk Period

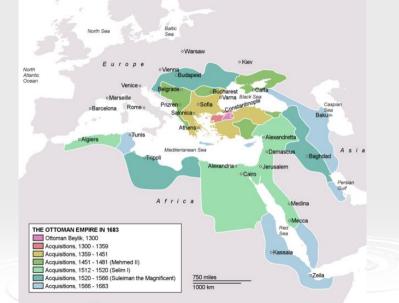
AD 1071-1300





The Ottoman Period AD 1299-1923





"Let us love, and be loved."

Yunus Emre
13th century
Turkish Sufi, humanist,
poet, philasopher



Come, come again, whoever you are, come! Heathen, fire worshipper or idolatrous, come! Come even if you broke your penitence a hundred times, Ours is the portal of hope, come as you are."

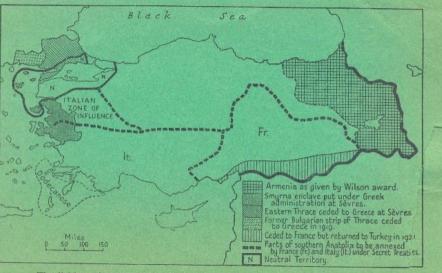
Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi

Historical wisdom

"Two captains will sink the ship"

"Better a wise foe than a foolish friend."

"A small key opens big doors."



The division of Turkey according to the secret treaties of 1915-17 and the treaties of 1920.





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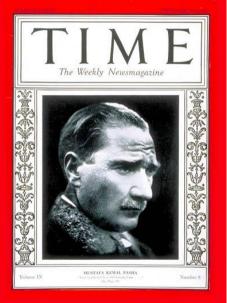
Kemal Atatürk
The founder of
Turkish Republic



1881-1938



Seccularism
Alphabet revolution
Voting rights to women
Social and legal changes



David Lloyd George British Prime minister, 1922

"Centuries rarely give birth to a genius It is our extreme unluckiness that the genius of our century came from Turkey."

WHO ARE WE?

We are people who started our journey 2500 years ago in Central Asia, immigrated to Anatolia in 11th century blended with the Anatolian civilizations, joined with Turks in Balkans and Middle East. We have melted in one pot.

Our diversity is our richness



Few nations..

Have been soverign for a thousand years uninterrupted

Had broader geographical spread from Pacific to Atlantic Ocean



Few nations

Have experienced a diversity of religous life

Pagan belief, Shamanism, Buddism, Manichaeism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam



Few Nations

Have lived in a greater variety of political systems

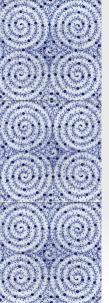
tribal organizations, principalities, small states, empires, republics



Few Nations

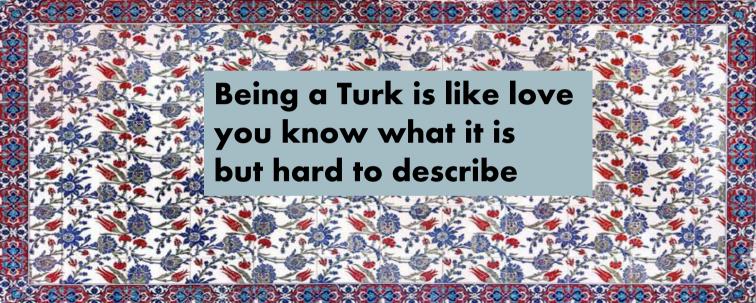
Have employed more systems of writing for essentially the same language.

Gokturk, Uighur, Arabic, Latin, Cyrillic



Few nations

have undergone so much change and yet preserved authentic identity and cultural personality





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match make the high level scientific technology of the North with the needs of clinical care of the South



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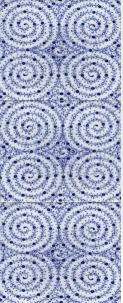
Thanks to friends around the world who never lost faith in us.

Thanks to our teachers who made us confident enough to host this event.

Thanks to neighbours Epharistopoli



Please enjoy this city which has been a capital to three empires.



Let two continents bridge the science and patient care create peace and understanding for humanity





Thank you