

Mapping Major Land-based Empires (c. 1450 - c. 1750)



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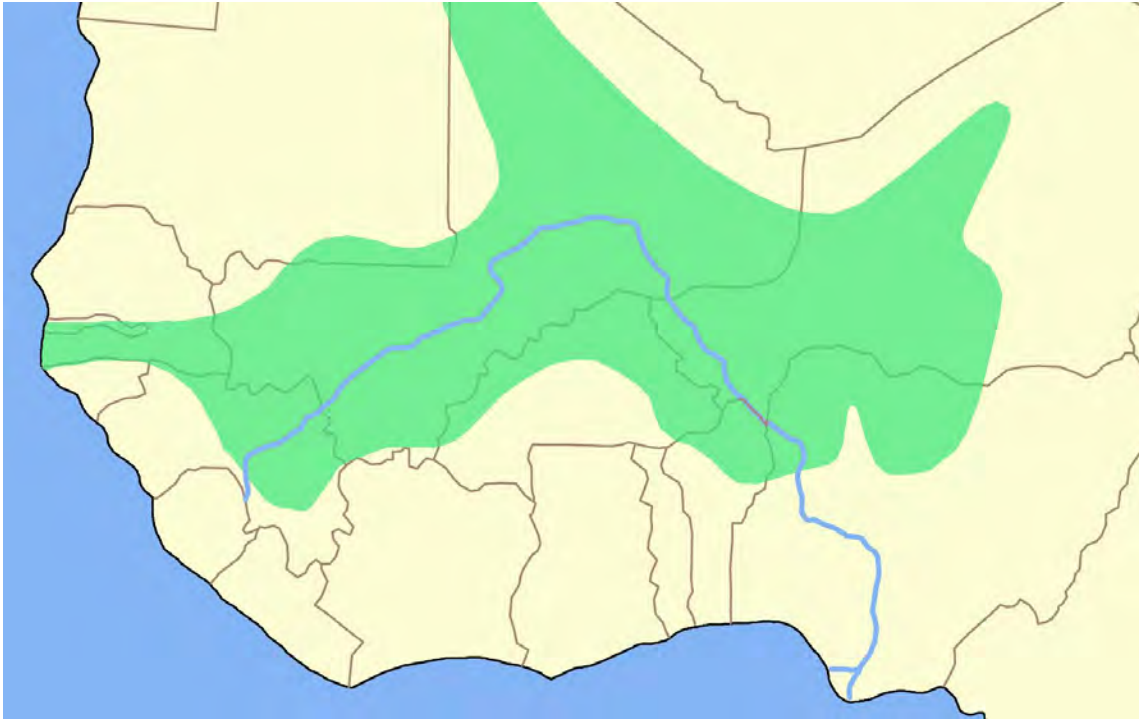
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Manchu Empire

- The Manchu Empire, also known as the Qing Dynasty, ruled China from 1644 to 1912.
- It expanded China's territory significantly, including Mongolia and Tibet.
- Key cities: Beijing (capital), Shenyang, and Hangzhou.

Important Leaders

- **Kangxi Emperor:** Ruled from 1661 to 1722, known for his long reign and efforts to consolidate power.
- **Qianlong Emperor:** Ruled from 1735 to 1796, recognized for military campaigns and cultural patronage.



- The Russian Empire expanded rapidly from the late 15th century onwards.
- It stretched from Eastern Europe across Siberia to the Pacific Ocean.
- Major cities: Moscow (capital), St. Petersburg, and Novgorod.

Important Leaders

- **Ivan IV (Ivan the Terrible):** First Tsar of Russia, known for his centralization of power and expansionist policies.
- **Peter the Great:** Ruled from 1682 to 1725, modernized Russia and expanded its territory.



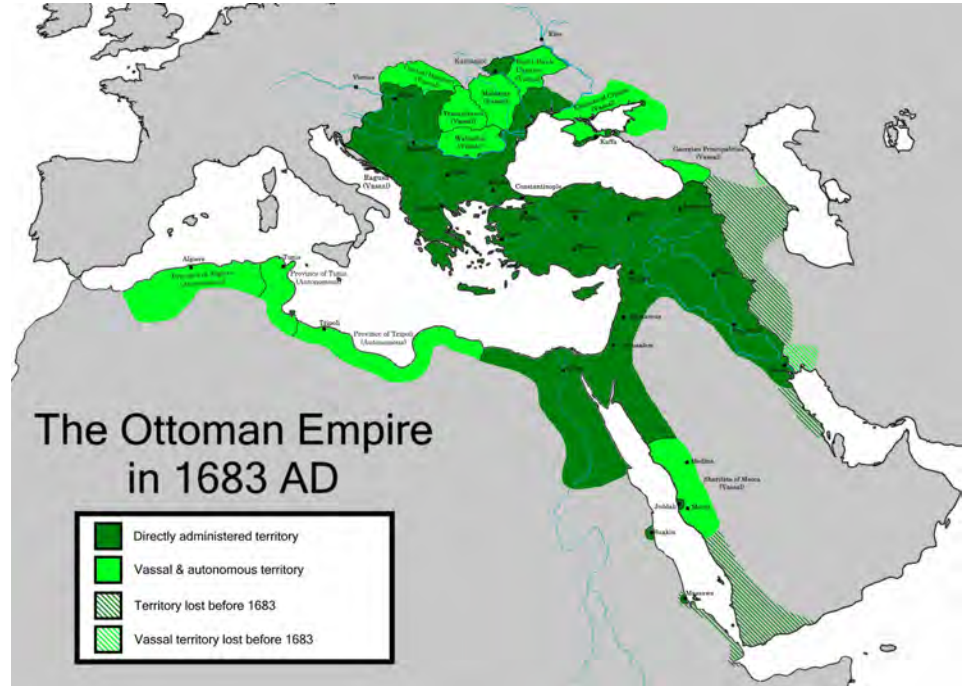
Russian Empire

Ottoman Empire

- The Ottoman Empire was a powerful state from the late 13th century until the early 20th century.
- It controlled parts of Europe, Asia, and Africa, including the Balkans and the Middle East.
- Important cities: Istanbul (formerly Constantinople), Ankara, and Cairo.

Important Leaders

- **Suleiman the Magnificent:** Ruled from 1520 to 1566, known for territorial expansion and legal reforms.
- **Selim III:** Ruled from 1789 to 1807, attempted modernization but faced resistance.



Safavid Empire

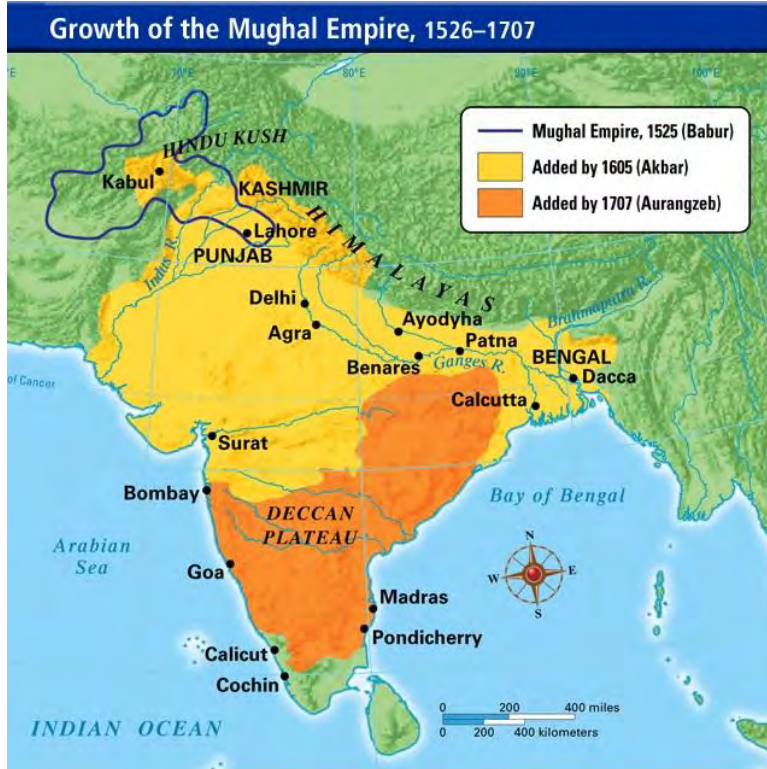
- The Safavid Empire ruled Persia (modern-day Iran) from 1501 to 1736.
- It was known for its cultural achievements and the establishment of Shia Islam as the state religion.
- Key cities: Isfahan (capital), Tabriz, and Qazvin.

Important Leaders

- **Shah Abbas I:** Ruled from 1588 to 1629, known for military successes and cultural achievements.
- **Shah Safi:** Ruled from 1629 to 1642, faced challenges from internal strife and external threats.



Mughal Empire



- The Mughal Empire dominated the Indian subcontinent from the early 16th to the 19th century.
- It is famous for its rich culture and monumental architecture, like the Taj Mahal.
- Major cities: Delhi (capital), Agra, and Lahore.

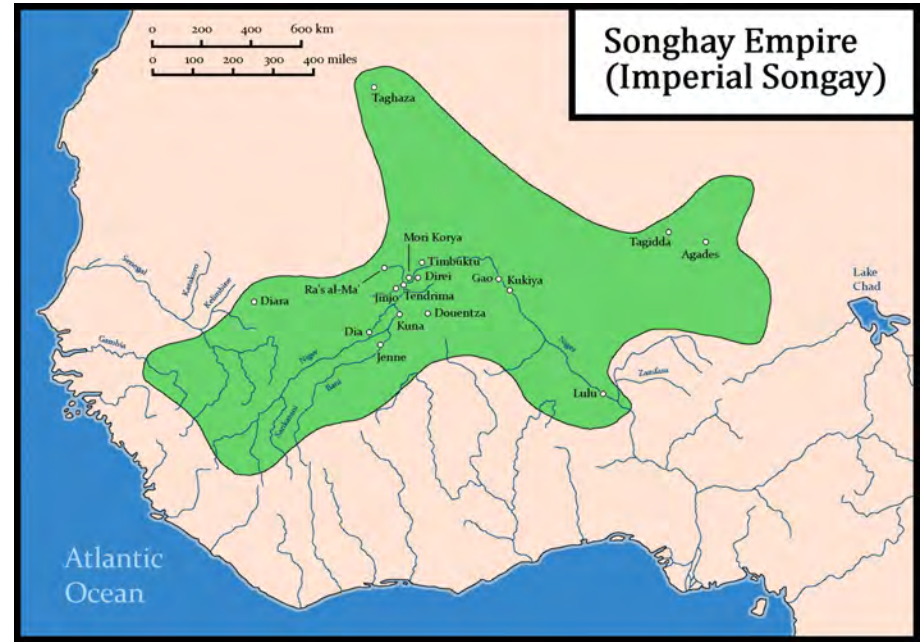
Important Leaders

- **Akbar the Great:** Ruled from 1556 to 1605, known for his policy of religious tolerance and administrative reforms.
- **Shah Jahan:** Ruled from 1628 to 1658, famous for commissioning the Taj Mahal.

- The Songhai Empire was one of the largest empires in West Africa, flourishing in the 15th and 16th centuries.
- It controlled trade routes across the Sahara Desert.
- Important cities: Gao (capital), Timbuktu, and Jenne.

Important Leaders

- **Sonni Ali:** Ruled from 1464 to 1492, expanded the empire and established its dominance in trade.
- **Askia Muhammad:** Ruled from 1493 to 1528, known for promoting education and Islamic scholarship.



Songhai Empire

- The Tokugawa Shogunate ruled Japan from 1603 to 1868.
- It established a period of peace and stability known as the Edo period.
- Key cities: Edo (modern-day Tokyo), Kyoto, and Osaka.

Important Leaders

- **Tokugawa Ieyasu:** Founder of the shogunate, established a centralized feudal system.
- **Tokugawa Yoshimune:** Ruled from 1716 to 1745, known for reforms in governance and economy.



Tokugawa Shogunate



Incan Empire

- The Incan Empire was the largest empire in pre-Columbian America, existing from the early 15th century until the Spanish conquest in 1533.
- It stretched along the western coast of South America.
- Major cities: Cusco (capital), Machu Picchu, and Quito.

Important Leaders

- **Pachacuti:** Ruled in the 15th century, expanded the empire and reorganized its administration.
- **Atahualpa:** The last emperor before the Spanish conquest, known for his capture by Francisco Pizarro.

- The Aztec Empire was a powerful Mesoamerican civilization from the 14th to the 16th century.
- It was centered in what is now Mexico City and controlled a large territory.
- Important cities: Tenochtitlan (capital), Texcoco, and Tlacopan.

Important Leaders

- **Moctezuma II:** Ruled from 1502 to 1520, known for his encounters with Spanish conquistadors.
- **Cuauhtémoc:** Last emperor, led resistance against Spanish conquest.



Aztec Empire