

**UNIT 8: THE NEW IMPERIALISM**  
**Reading Guide 47: The Great Game**

**Directions:** Complete each question after reading.

**18.1: The Ottomans Build a Vast Empire**

- **Objective A: Describe the Ottoman Empire’s origins.**

1. Define *ghazis*:
2. \_\_\_\_\_ built a small \_\_\_\_\_ state in \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . His followers were named \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Ottomans’ military success was largely based on the use of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Define *sultan*:

- **Objective B: Trace the expansion of Ottoman power.**

5. Describe in detail Mehmed II’s dramatic feat:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. At the same time that \_\_\_\_\_ was toppling the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire, why were the conquests of Selim the Grim culturally significant?

- **Objective C: Identify achievements under Suleyman the Lawgiver.**

7. Describe in detail why Suleyman deserves to be known as “the Magnificent.”

- **Objective D: Explain the empire’s slow decline.**

8. **Critical thinking:** What methods could the Ottomans have used to produce better rulers?

**27.3: Europeans Claim Muslim Lands**

- **Objective A: Summarize the decline of the Ottoman Empire.**

9. In 1830, \_\_\_\_\_ gained its independence, and \_\_\_\_\_ gained self-rule.
10. Define *geopolitics*:
11. Why did the Ottoman Empire’s geography make it a target for Russia?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Critical thinking:** In what way were Russian, British, and French motivations in the Crimean War similar?

13. By the beginning of World War I, the Ottoman Empire was \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Define the *Great Game*:

15. What country became center stage for the Great Game? \_\_\_\_\_

• **Objective C: Analyze Egypt's reforms.**

16. Observing the slow decline of the Ottoman Empire, some Muslim leaders decided ...

17. The Suez Canal connected the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. When Egypt could not repay its debt from its construction, the \_\_\_\_\_ insisted on overseeing its financial control, and in 1882 they \_\_\_\_\_.

18. **Critical thinking:** Why was the completion of the Suez Canal cause for international celebration?

• **Objective D: Evaluate Persia's response to foreign pressure.**

19. Describe Russian interest in Persia:

20. Describe British interest in Persia:

21. **Critical thinking:** How did Persia's granting of concessions eventually lead to its takeover by Britain and Russia?