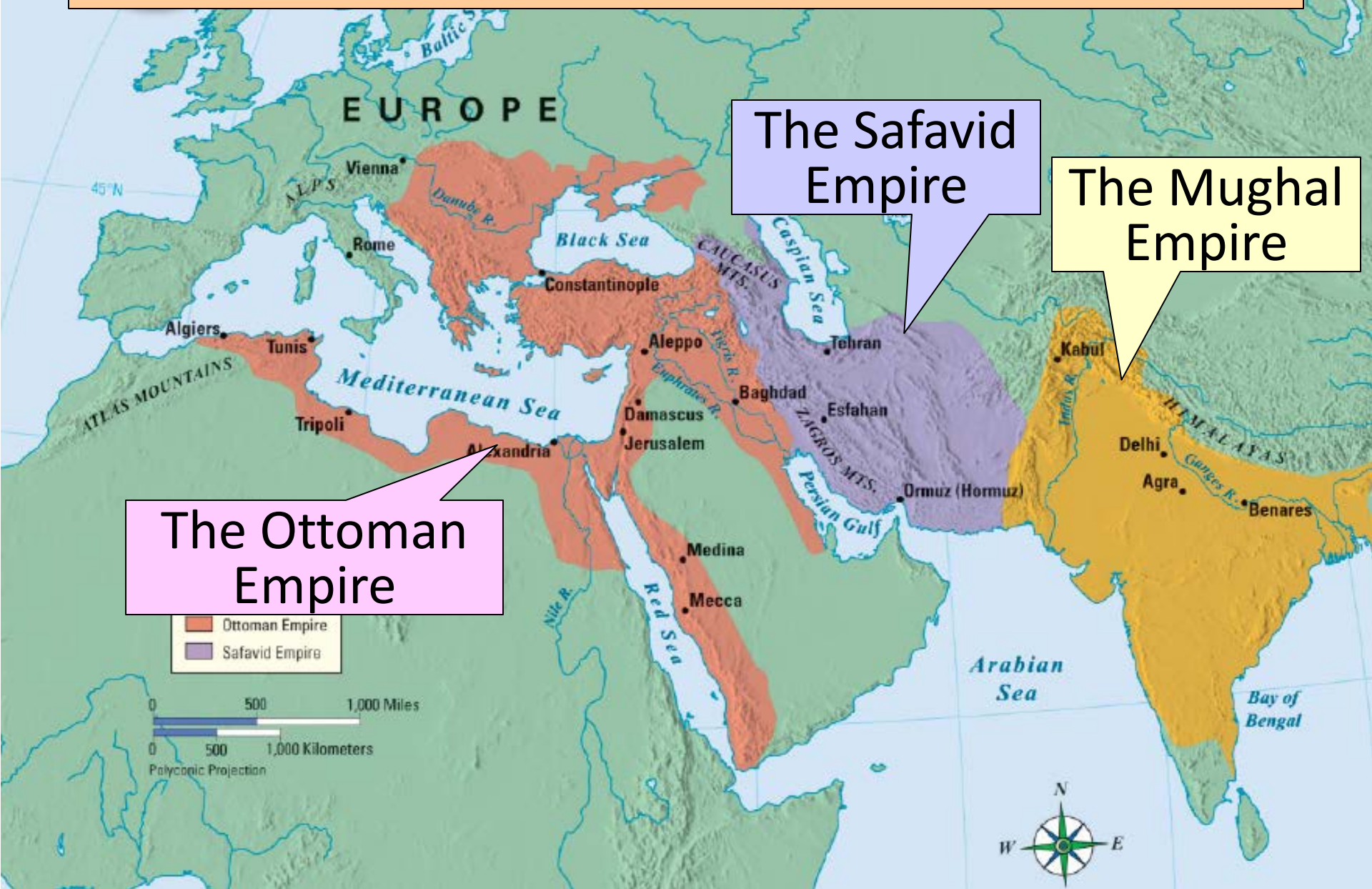


From 1300 to 1700, three “gunpowder empires” dominated parts of Europe, Africa, & Asia



These empires were unique but shared some similarities:

All 3 empires were able to conquer neighboring people because they formed strong armies using rifles & artillery



All 3 empires were Islamic & ruled by Muslim leaders with well-organized gov'ts made up of loyal bureaucrats

All 3 empires blended their culture with neighboring societies to create a high point of Islamic culture