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The Ottoman Empire

The Ottoman Empire is the hierarchy I will be focusing and answering questions for. In the sixteenth century it was seen that the Ottoman Empire was one of the three major powers that divided the world. The Ottoman Empire took up parts of Northern Africa, Southeast Europe, and Western Asia back in the 16th Century. This hierarchy differed from the other three powers in military and cultural divides. The Ottoman Empire started in the mid 15th Century with Istanbul being the beacon of equality in this hierarchy.

The Ottoman Empire was a Monarchy with Ozman Gazi as the founder of the Ottoman dynasty. This dynasty ruled over this hierarchy, breaking the traditional Turkish ways. There was a traditional Turkish practice where the ruler's inheritance would be divided amongst the heirs'. This created a sort of competition between the heirs and gave a political position to the harem, the concubines to the sultan. In the text it mentions a couple groups of people and what they did. The rural landowning elite was a major group in the Ottoman Empire. They made up a large amount of the calvary. This militia force was still trained the best in steppe-archer style of warfare and gunpowder artillery. The Ottoman Empire's trade was also ahead of all the other empires. This hierarchy was the one major power that exceeded the others.

This empire is different from our government today in many ways. Over the years the world has grown and developed immensely. One difference between the two government powers would be that America's government is not a monarchy but a democracy where all people have a

say in the government's laws and issues. The U.S. Military is extremely strong and has developed greatly over time. Another similarity would have to be power, the U.S. is one of most powerful governments in the world like the Ottoman Empire.

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