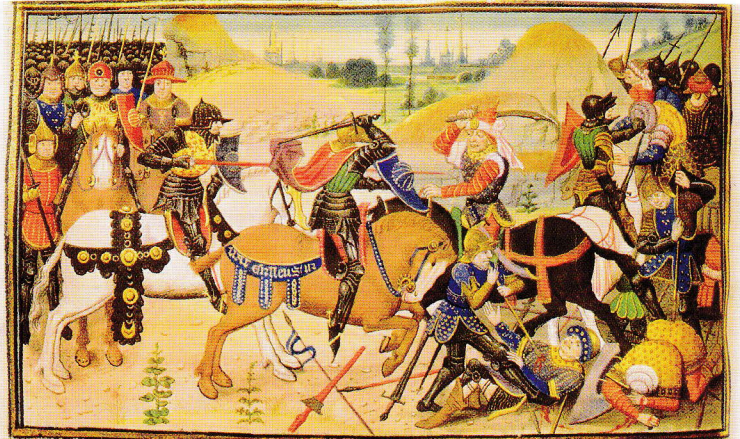


Rise of the Ottoman Empire

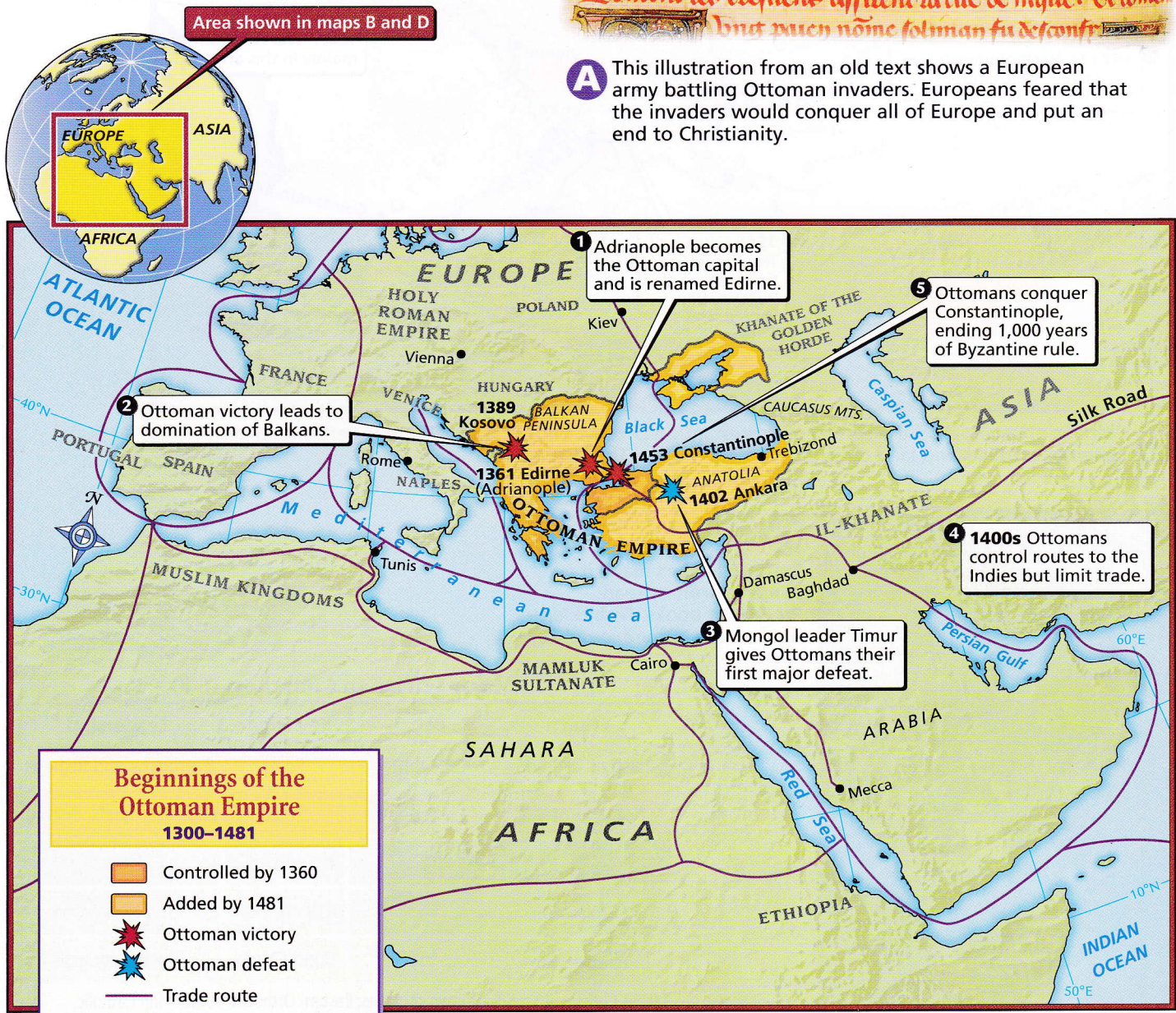
The Ottoman Empire began as a small kingdom in the region known as Anatolia, near the Black Sea. But during the 1600s it was the world's strongest and wealthiest empire.

- The Ottomans were Muslim Turks who warred with neighboring Muslim kingdoms and European Christians.
- After conquering the Byzantine Empire, the Ottomans gained power and wealth by controlling important trade routes.
- Under their rule, Islam spread into Eastern Europe, although the Ottomans allowed their non-Muslim subjects to practice other religions.

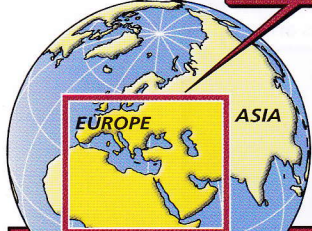


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A This illustration from an old text shows a European army battling Ottoman invaders. Europeans feared that the invaders would conquer all of Europe and put an end to Christianity.



Area shown in maps B and D



B As the Ottoman Empire grew, its Turkish rulers gained control of trade routes connecting Asia, Africa, and Europe. They charged high taxes on goods that were carried through their territory.