

**UNIT  
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**Stagnation and Decline  
of the Islamic Empires**

**Global Interconnections 7**

Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

**Chapter 5: End of the Road: Stagnation and Decline of the Islamic Empires**



• Describe the origins and Islamic preferences of the Safavid Empire (1501-1736) –

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• Describe Persia under Shah Abbas I –

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• Describe the challenged Persia faced after Shah Abbas I died –

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• Briefly discuss the origins of the Mughal Empire (ruling largely from 1526-1857) -

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- Describe the expansion of the Mughals and cultural conditions in India under Akbar I (the Great) – \_\_\_\_\_



- Describe the origins and impressive rise of the Songhai Empire (1464-1591) – \_\_\_\_\_

- Explain why the Songhai dominance in West Africa declined starting around the sixteenth century - \_\_\_\_\_

- Briefly discuss the ultimate defeat of the Songhai at the hands of the Moroccans; and how this illustrated a general problem with all Islamic Empires – \_\_\_\_\_

