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(c.1299–c.1683)

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The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images, and videos, created especially for teenagers, on the Ottoman Empire.



The [National Geographic Virtual Library](#) has articles on the Ottoman Empire.

The screenshot shows the National Geographic Virtual Library interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Search...' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, the article title 'Vlad the Impaler' is displayed, followed by the author's name 'Author: Juan José Sánchez Arreseigor'. The main content area features a historical map of the Ottoman Empire and surrounding regions. The map is color-coded to show 'Ottoman lands at the death of Murad II, 1451' in a light tan color and 'Other kingdoms' in a darker tan color. Key locations labeled on the map include Venice, Belgrade, Sofia, Constantinople (Istanbul), Bursa, Ankara, and Aleppo. The Black Sea is also labeled. The map includes a navigation toolbar with zoom and pan controls, and a sidebar with options like 'Explore', 'Table Of Contents', 'Illustrated Works', and 'View Full Citation'.

[JSTOR](#) is a great resource for finding primary sources from the Ottoman Empire.

The screenshot displays a JSTOR search results page. On the left side, there is a 'Refine Results' sidebar with various filters. The 'SEARCH WITHIN RESULTS' section has a search input field. The 'CONTENT TYPE' section is expanded. The 'Primary source content:' section shows 'Images (58)' selected. The 'DATE' section is expanded, showing 'FROM' and 'TO' filters with '1299' and '1638' entered, and 'CE' selected for both. There are 'Reset' and 'Apply' buttons. The main results area shows a grid of 10 image thumbnails. Each thumbnail is accompanied by a caption and a download icon. The captions are: 'Right Leg Guard', 'Helmet', 'Helmet', 'Helmet', 'Helmet', 'Fauchard', 'Helmet', 'Shaffron (Horse's Head...', 'Helmet', and 'Helmet'. Each caption is followed by a small downward arrow icon. The source for all items is listed as 'Part of Open: The Metropolitan Museum of Art'.

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