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# Ottoman Empire

(c.1299–c.1683)

**Student research guide**

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This guide is designed to help you discover items on the Ottoman Empire that you can access on site, from your school or home.

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## Featured Databases

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 in, zoom out, and pan icons, 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 the JSTOR search results interface. 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 has 'FROM' and 'TO' fields set to 1299 and 1638, respectively, with 'CE' selected for both. The 'CLASSIFICATION' section is also visible. The main search results area shows a grid of 10 image thumbnails. Each thumbnail is accompanied by a caption and a download icon. The items are: 'Right Leg Guard', 'Helmet', 'Helmet', 'Helmet', 'Helmet', 'Fauchard', 'Helmet', 'Shaffron (Horse's Head...', 'Helmet', and 'Helmet'. Each item is noted as being 'Part of Open: The Metropolitan Museum of Art'.

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