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1. What part did internal corruption play in the decline of the Ottoman Empire?
2. How did European nations take advantage of the Ottomans’ weakness?
3. Why did the discovery of oil in Persia increase the value of Ottoman territory?
4. In what way were Russian, British, and French motivations in the Crimean War similar?
5. How was Muhammad Ali’s promotion of cotton production similar to European imperialists’ actions in Africa?
6. Why was the completion of the Suez Canal cause for international celebration?
7. What advantages did granting business concessions to Western countries offer Persia?
8. How did Persia’s granting of concessions eventually lead to its takeover by Britain and Russia?