



Speaker 1: The Crimean War was a big event in Europe. The Turkish Ottoman Empire ruled in the Middle East, Near East, and including the Balkan Peninsula in Greece. This war started as a Palestinian conflict, but eventually wound up being fought on the trading crossroads in the Black Sea. The Crimean Peninsula juts out from what is now modern day Ukraine into the Black Sea. The forces of Russia took on the Ottoman Empire there in the Crimea, with the help of Britain and France. Eventually, the Turkish forces were pushed back and this marks the end of the great Ottoman Empire as an expansive Empire.

The important thing about this war was that many modern technologies were developed and utilized. Additionally, tensions that existed were not eradicated by this war. This war, in many ways, was the herald of what was to come in the First World War of the next century.

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