

**CHAPTER**  
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**Section 2**

**GUIDED READING** *Cultural Blending*  
*Case Study: The Safavid Empire*

**A. Perceiving Cause and Effect** As you read this case study, take notes to answer the questions about patterns of cultural blending.

**Interaction among peoples can create a blending of cultures.**

1. What activities cause cultural blending to occur?	2. Which of those activities contributed to the culture of the Ottomans?
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**The Safavids built a Shi'a Empire.**

3. How did Isma'il help the Safavids rise to power?	4. How did Isma'il's rule affect the Islam religion?
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**Shah Abbas helped create a Safavid culture.**

5. How did Shah Abbas promote cultural blending in his empire?	6. What was probably the most important result of Western influence on the Safavid Empire?
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**B. Writing Expository Paragraphs** On the back of this paper, write a paragraph explaining the religious origins and cultural legacy of the **Safavids**.