

THE NEAR HISTORY OF
TURKEY



● **Before Turkey, there was Ottoman Empire** ruled by Sultans with theocracy. ●

During World War I, Ottoman Empire defeated. The country was on the verge of collapsing altogether.



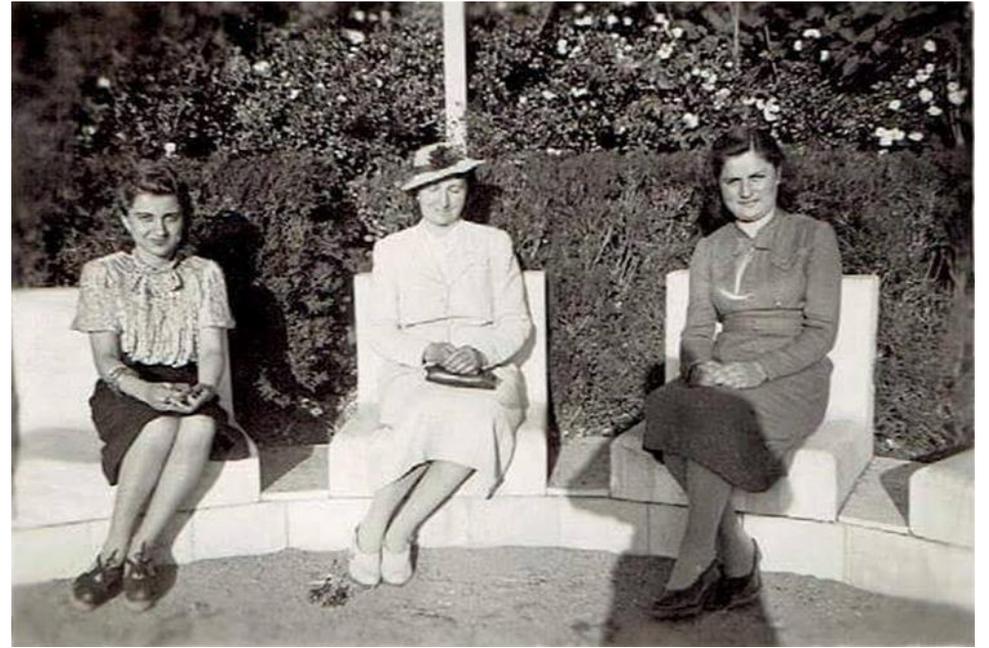
Atatürk was a high ranked soldier. He denied the collapse of country, and he denied theocratic monarchy. He organized a riot against Sultan (the ruler of Ottomans) and fought with countries that wanted to share Ottomans' land.





He won, and he started big reforms.
**He founded a new country,
Turkey. He became the first
president.**

He changed the country from
theocracy to a democratic republic.
**He did his best to modernize
the Turkey.** He wanted Turkey to
be a part of Europe.

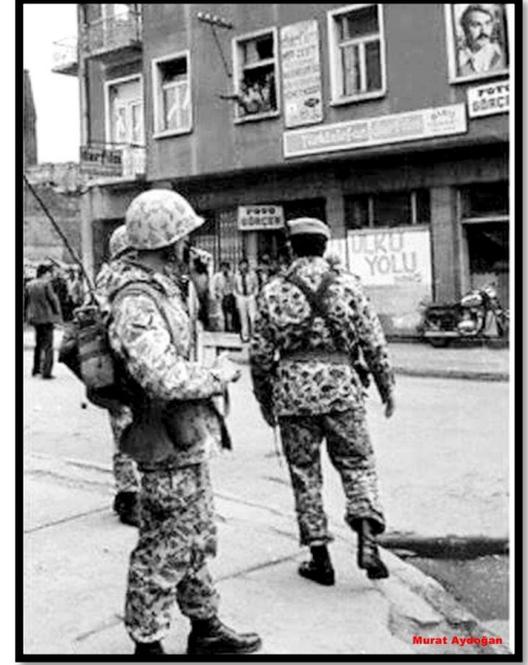


After Atatürk's death, Turkey followed his ideas and tried to become a democratic republic. More political parties were founded. Some tried to go back to theocratic monarchy, they were banned.

Education and literacy began to get more widespread.

Women went out their houses and started to get educated and started to work.

Economy and civil rights started to get better.



Turkish army was very powerful. When political figures and rulers behave against their ideals, they overthrew the government.

This happened 3 times. **There are three military coups in Turkey's history: 1960, 1971, 1980.**



Thousands of people were arrested and executed. After military coups, army were handing over the ruling power to governments, but politicians very afraid for another military coups, so they followed military lead.



After 1980, no military coups happened.

Turkey became a more powerful country after 1980's. It grew economically and civil rights became better.

Turkey applied for EU membership.

- In 2016, there was a failed coup organized by the lead of a religious preacher.



**There are now
10 political
parties in Turkey.
4 of them are in
senate.**

**AKP is the ruling
party for 18 years.**



Republic of Turkey's president is now: Erdoğan



In 2018, president's power and authority have been increased. Before, president was not a member of a political party. For two year, he is.

Turkey is a candidate to be a part of European Union.
Sometimes it gets closer to this target, sometimes further.

