**Chapter 21**

**Potential Small Group Discussion Topics:**

1. Discuss the similarities in the causes for decline in all of the Islamic early modern empires and explain how the decline was related to the rise of the West.

2. Discuss the similarities in problems confronting both the early modern Muslim empires and the earlier Umayyad and Abbasid empires.

3. What were the similarities and differences between the three Muslim empires?

4. What were the causes of Ottoman decline in the 17th century?

5. What were the similarities and differences in the decline of the Abbasid and Ottoman empires?

6. Compare and contrast the social and economic organization of the Ottomans and

Safavids.

7. Discuss the reasons for the failure of the Mughal dynasty.

8. What weaknesses were common to all of the Muslim empires?