**French Invasion of North Africa**

**Guided Reading: The Flyswatter Incident and War as a Distraction** (50 points)

**Vocabulary:**
- **Bey**: Turkish governor of a province (beylik)
- **Dey**: Chief bey
- **Epicerie**: grocery store
- **Superciliously**: in a way having or showing arrogant superiority to and disdain of those one views as unworthy
- **Janissaries**: a member of the Turkish infantry forming the Sultan's guard between the 14th and 19th centuries.
- **jihad**: a holy war waged on behalf of Islam as a religious duty, *also*: a personal struggle in devotion to Islam especially involving spiritual discipline

What does Dey Hussein request from the French consul?

What does this indicate about the relationship between the Ottoman Empire and France?

What religion are the bankers the dey is supporting? Why might this be surprising?

As the insults continue, the incident becomes a pretext for war. What are some of the actual reasons that King Charles X may want to invade this part of the Ottoman Empire? List three.

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Summarize the point of view of the Le Journal des Debats regarding the war.

“There are many ports along Algeria’s coasts whose possessions would be of great utility to France and give us control of the Mediterranean. In the interior, there are immense, fertile plains. Algeria is a veritable El Dorado (city of gold) that will compensate for our loss of colonies in America.”—French Minister of War

What reasons for France’s invasion are indicated by this quote?

Presentation Notes: (50 points)
As you listen to the slide presentation on Abdelkader’s role in the war and captivity in France, write down important points to remember here. Keep your “Myth or Fact” sheet close by, and see if you learn anything about the points listed there. Add an additional sheet if necessary.¹

¹ Fact: Elkader, Iowa, was named after Emir Abdelkader in 1846 in honor of his struggle for freedom for his people from the French colonizers.