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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**.