

Introduction to

**TURKEY, IZMIR
& OUR SCHOOL**

Turkey is a large peninsula that has lands both in Europe and Asia.

Turkey's land area is greater than that of any European country.



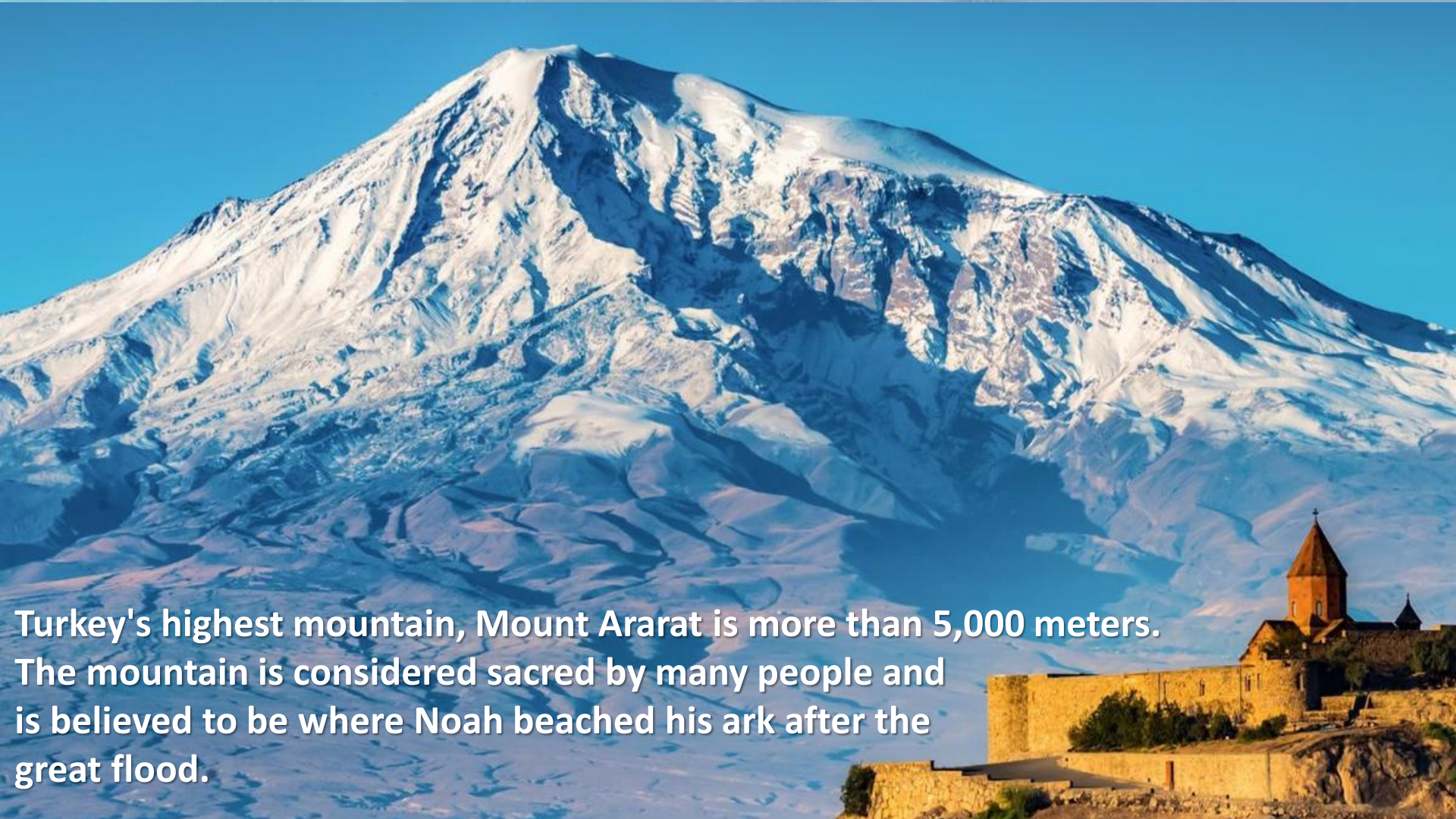


Neighboring countries are Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Iran, Iraq, and Syria.

Turkey is surrounded on three sides by the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Aegean Sea. It is located in Southeastern Europe and Southwestern Asia.



Turkey's population is 80 million. Ethnicity is mainly based on Turks and Kurds. Religion is mainly Sunni Muslims and Alevis.



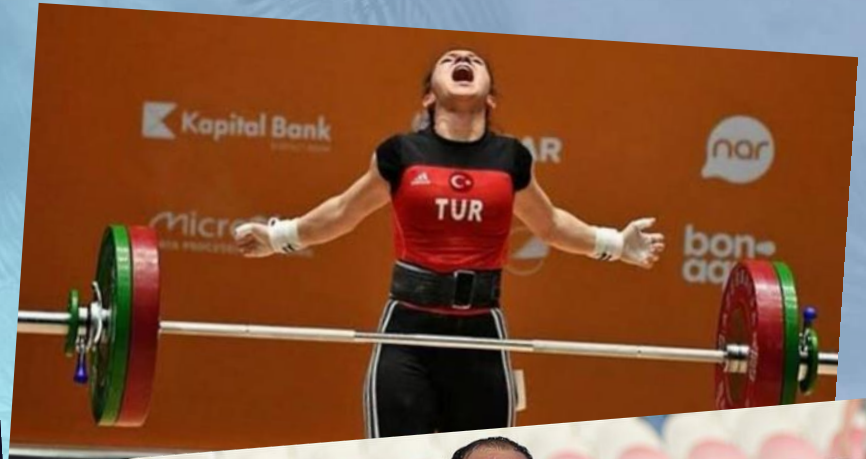
Turkey's highest mountain, Mount Ararat is more than 5,000 meters. The mountain is considered sacred by many people and is believed to be where Noah beached his ark after the great flood.

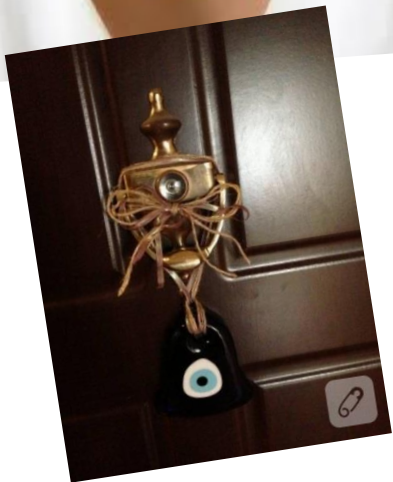
Soccer is the most popular sport in Turkey.



There are three popular teams based in Istanbul;
Beşiktaş, Fenerbahçe and Galatasaray

Turks excel at weightlifting and wrestling.





This is evil eye. In Turkish; Nazar Boncuğu. You can see it in offices, homes, transport and businesses. Turks believe this talisman protects against evil.

Food is an integral part of Turkish society.
Each meal is a gift from God to enjoy, and not waste.



Turkish women often spend hours in the kitchen, with complicated recipes.



Turks are family oriented and are hospitable people. They invite visitors to their homes and make sure they have something to eat and drink before they leave.





Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and typically includes eggs, cucumbers, tomatoes, and olives.



And most importantly, bread. Never forget the bread. Turks eat it with every meal. And even between meals. Some Turks even refuse to sit down to a meal without it.

In every Turkish home, carpets and rugs are everywhere on the floors. People always take off shoes before entering a house. You can be barefoot or with slippers, but never with a shoe.



Turks drink black tea every time and everywhere. It is the national drink. They drink tea with and between meals. Turkey is the number one on tea consumption in the world.

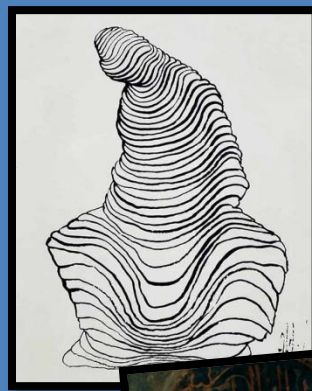
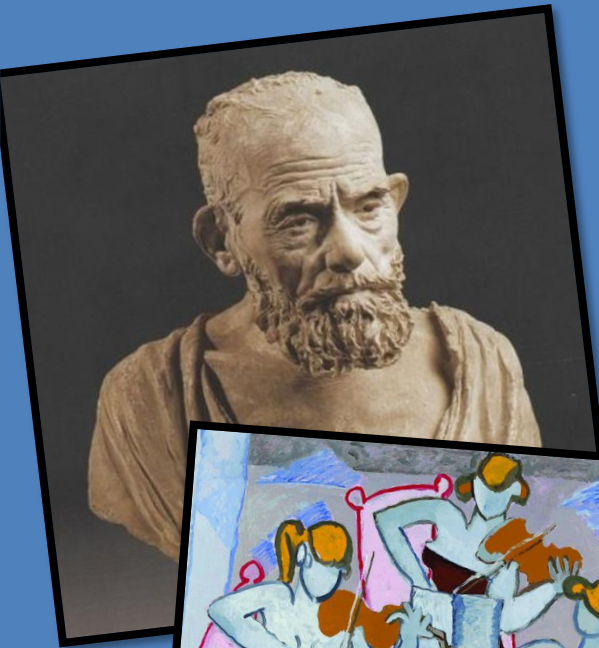


A common feature in most villages, towns, and cities are the men only teahouses where they gather to drink tea and play games such as OK.



Bazaars: In Turkey, bazaars are everywhere and people generally buy many things from these open market areas.



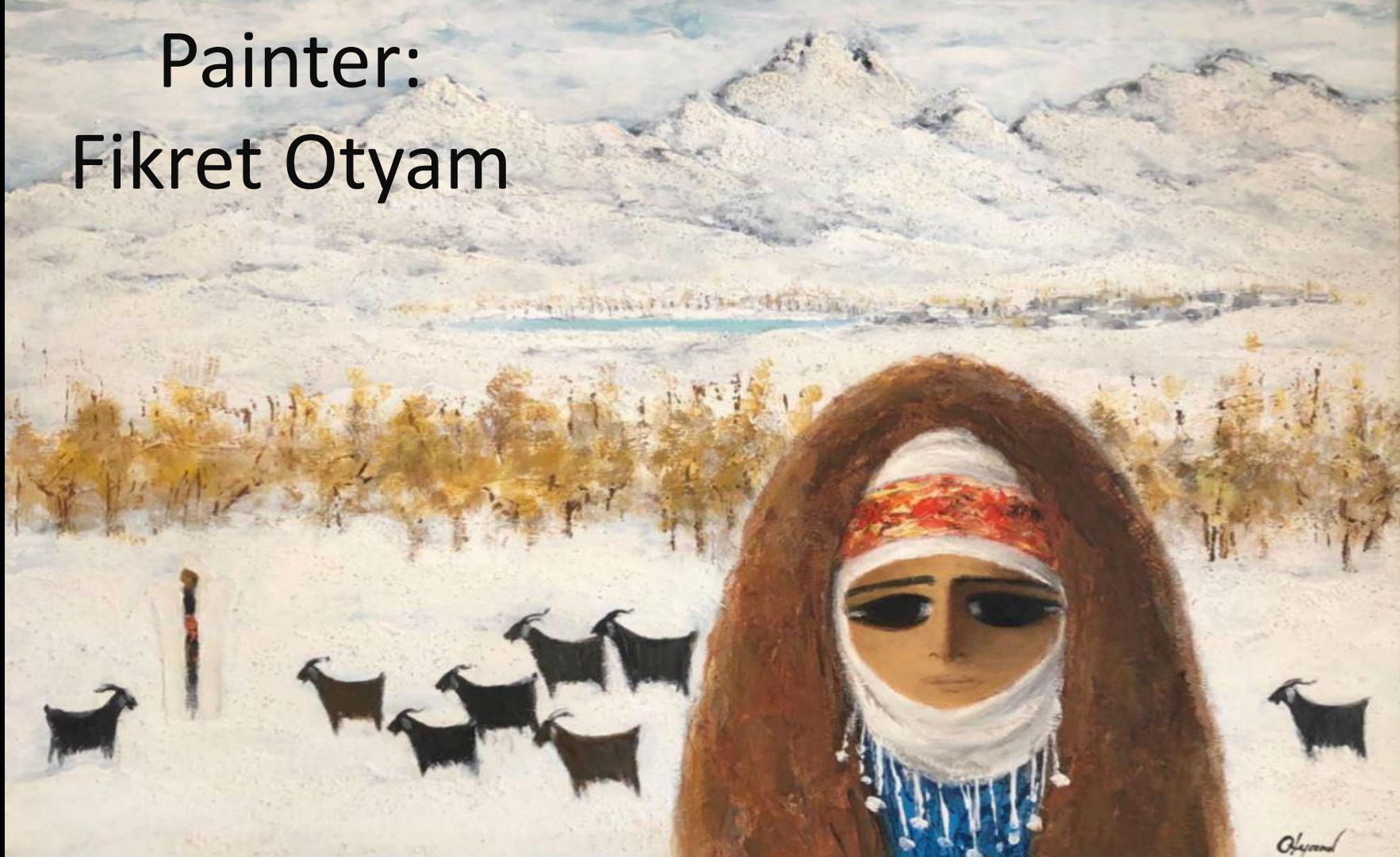


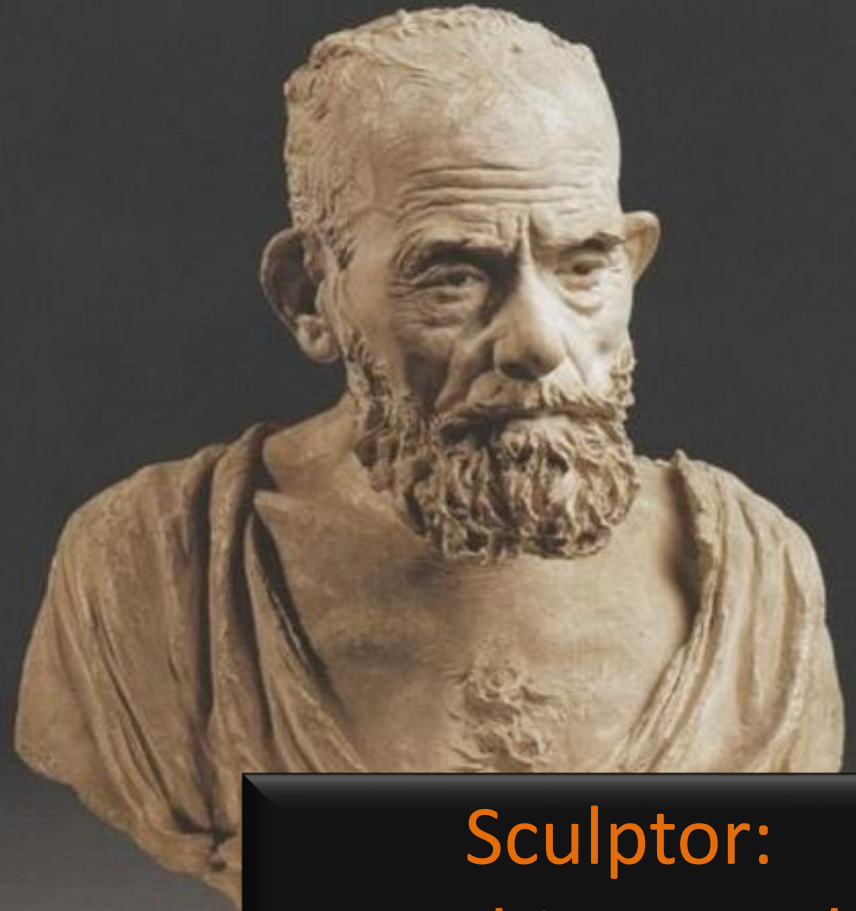
Some famous artists from Turkey are



Painter:
Osman Hamdi Bey

Painter:
Fikret Otyam





Sculptor:
Mahir Tomruk

Photographer:
Ara Güler



Turkey's biggest city is Istanbul. It is built on land in the Bosphorus seaway.

The city is partly in Europe and partly in Asia.

Population is 15 million.



The second
biggest city
is Ankara.

It is the
capital city
with a
population
of 5.5
million.



And third
biggest city
is our
beloved city;

IZMIR





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Izmir is the third biggest city in Turkey. It is located at the western Turkey.



Izmir is an 8,500 years old city. It is known as the city of Homer and Amazons. Once called Smyrna, it has always been the biggest city in Western Anatolia.





Izmir has been home to the Amazons, Lydians, Persians, Alexander the Great, Romans, Arabs, Byzantines and Ottomans for thousands of years of history.

Today Izmir is a trade centre, because of its port.



The city, known as “Beautiful İzmir” in Turkey, is located at the start of a long and narrow gulf, decorated with yachts and passenger ships.



The whole of the coastal road,
known as “Kordon” is enchanting.



There are many sights and ruins such as Bergama (Pergamon)



Ephesus



Foça





Agora



Çeşme

Diversity of activities and resources make Izmir a very attractive area for tourism. There are thermal waters, and the deep blue sea with big beaches. It offers visitors many options for a unique holiday experience.





Izmir enjoys a Mediterranean climate plus natural beauty.

It has a rich cultural and historical heritage, beaches, thermal waters and spas.

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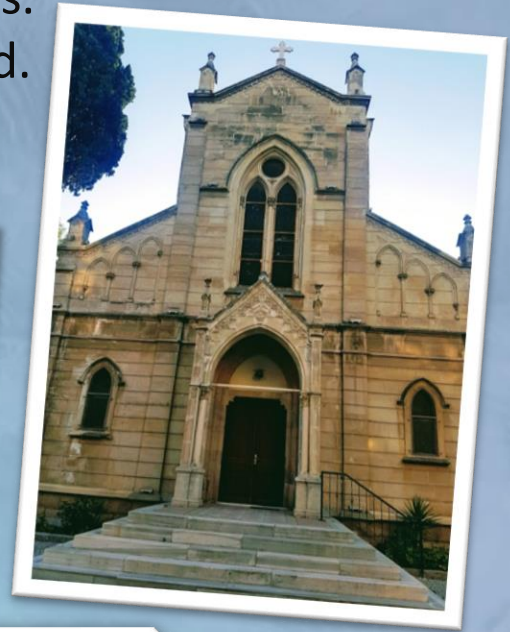


In addition, it has a rich cuisine, featuring grapes, figs, olives, citrus fruits and seafood. People in Izmir love to eat vegetables and fish.

**Izmir is known as the most liberal and tolerant city in Turkey.
It is attractively multi-cultural.**



There is a high tolerance toward different religions and cultures. The synagogues and churches are open to visitors and still used. And they are important signs of this multi-cultural character.



Summers, due to Mediterranean climate in the region are hot and dry, while winters are warm and rainy. The temperature rarely drops below zero in the winter months.



It has a warm climate. It snows only a few days in a decade. This warm climate means that for most of the year it is a good place for outdoor and water sports.

People in Izmir loves to eat boyoz, kumru and sunflower seeds.



They love to spend time outside, so they visit cafes and bars.



And they love to take long walks along the long coastal line (Kordon) at the city center.



And there are cats everywhere!





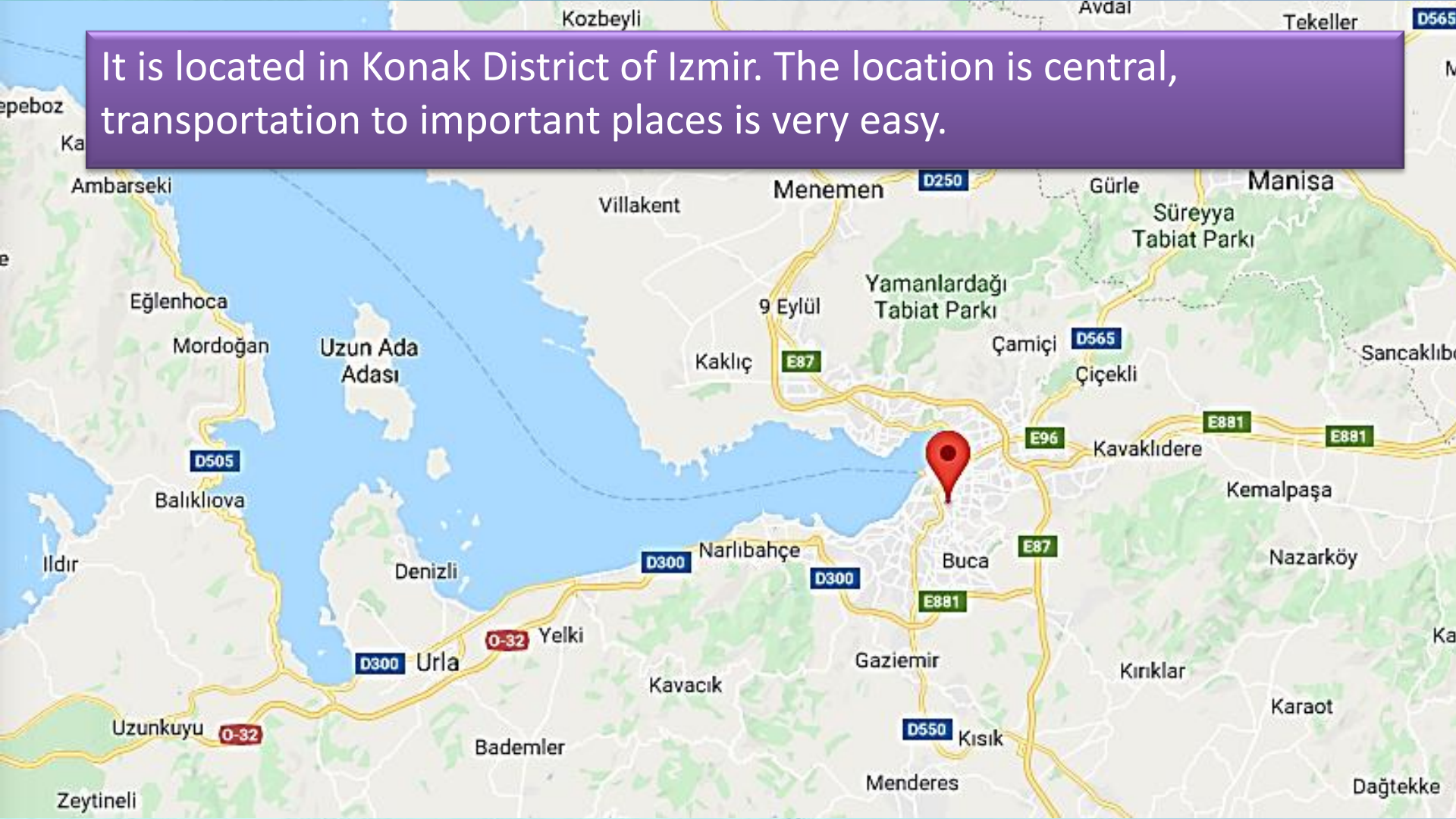


The name of our School is Mimar Sinan Ortaokulu.

It is a Secondary School and its name comes from Mimar Sinan, the well-known historical architect from Ottoman times.



It is located in Konak District of Izmir. The location is central, transportation to important places is very easy.



We are about 600 students with age ranging between 10-14.



The students are generally from immigrant families, which came to Izmir in last 20 years.





And ten percent of our students are Syrian immigrants.



We have orientation classes for them to adapt well in Turkey. Here a teacher is teaching them to read and write in Turkish.

We have 10 classrooms, and we share the school garden with a primary school.



Our lessons last 40 minutes and we get 7 lessons for a day. If students want to get supporting classes, they can come to school on weekends as well.





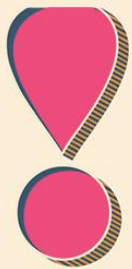
Boys generally like to play soccer



Girls like to play volleyball and skip rope.

**And of course, we eat sunflower seeds with many cups of tea
If you ever visit Izmir, we would like to offer
you some!**





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