**The Byzantine Empire**

**Constantine and Constantinople**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ invaders pummeled the Western Roman Empire, and the Roman Emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his successors shifted the capital of Rome to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Constantinople was located on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This provided an excellent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and guarded the city on 3 sides by water.
* Constantinople was the perfect location for the Byzantine Empire because it was easy to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and it was at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

For centuries, the city’s location made it Europe’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marketplace!

**The Reign of Justinian I**

The Byzantine Empire reached its peak under the emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who ruled from 527 to 565.

Justinian was a very good Emperor with many accomplishments:

1. He recovered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that had been lost to invaders in North Africa, Italy, and Spain.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after it was destroyed by Fire. The most beautiful building was the church called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, meaning “Holy Wisdom.”
3. He reformed the law and called it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This was one of the largest bodies of civil laws!

Later, European kings and queens would base their laws on Justinian’s Code and it is still used in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_today!

* Justinian used his Code to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under his control. He ruled as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or sole ruler with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Byzantine Emperor not only had power over the empire, but also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He was considered Christ’s co-ruler on earth.

* “The Emperor is equal to men in the nature of his body, but in the authority of his rank he is similar to God, who rules all.”

The Byzantine Empire flourished under a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – trade and industry flourished!

* They also had one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world – Greek fire was their most feared weapon!

**Byzantine Christianity**

Since early Christian times, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over church leadership. Although the Byzantine Emperor was not a priest, he controlled church affairs and appointed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or highest church official.

* During the middle ages, a dispute over the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or holy images, led to a split in Christianity.
* In the 700s, a Byzantine Emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and this led to violent battles

As a result of this controversy, in 1054 the eastern and western Christian church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – this became known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Byzantine/Eastern = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Western = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Fall of the Byzantine Empire**

By the time of the Great Schism, the Byzantine Empire was in decline. Struggles over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, court intrigues, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ weakened the empire.

* Beginning in the 1090s, the Byzantine Empire fought the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between Christians and Muslims).
	+ In 1204, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was plundered…
	+ In 1453, Ottoman forces took the city of Constantinople under their ruler \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They renamed the city \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and it became the capital of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Empire.