Byzantine Empire Overview

When Rome fell in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ half remained. We now call that half the Byzantine Empire. This empire will survive about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years longer than Western Rome.

The most notable emperor of the Byzantine Empire is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He believed in picking the right man for the job, rather than simply picking from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ few. One of those men was Belisarius, who was his head \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Both will gain the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and nearly all of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and even parts of Spain.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did not just conquer territory but he also reformed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ code and funded major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ projects, including the Hagia Sophia.

Justinian married a woman named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who was a great diplomat, and played a major role in supporting Justinian during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rebellion.

While the Byzantine Empire lasted nearly 1,000 years after Western Rome, it was a dangerous to rule such an empire because emperors were not only head of state, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well. Politics were brutal, and often deadly. Of the 88 Byzantine emperors 29 were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and 13 abandoned the throne to live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Religion played a major role throughout Byzantine history as Christianity experienced a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, meaning split. The use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were banned and missionaries created what is known as the Cyrillic alphabet so that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people may read the Bible in their own tongues.