Lesson 5 The Byzantine Empire

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: When he became emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire, Justinian (527–565) was determined to reestablish the Roman Empire in the entire Mediterranean world.

1. Detail: Justinian restored the Roman Empire in the ________________ and defeated the __________________.

2. Detail: Justinian codified __________________, creating __________________, which became the ________________ system for much of Europe.

B. Main Idea: Justinian achieved much, but the Eastern Roman Empire was left with too much territory to protect, a decline in population after a plague, and renewed threats to its frontiers.

1. Detail: After the rise of __________________ led to the loss of Syria and Palestine, the Eastern Roman Empire became the smaller but culturally important ________________ Empire, which lasted until 1453.

2. Detail: The Byzantine Empire was a Greek and __________________ state; __________________ became the common language.

3. Detail: The Byzantines believed that God commanded their state to preserve the true __________________.

4. Detail: The Byzantine Empire developed trade with ________________ at its center; from the east they imported goods such as silk, spices, jewelry, and ivory.

C. Main Idea: By 750, the Byzantine Empire consisted only of Asia Minor, some lands in the Balkans, and the southern coast of Italy. But Byzantium recovered and not only endured, it even expanded.

1. Detail: The Byzantine Empire thrived as a result of a new ________________ of Byzantine emperors known as the ________________.

2. Detail: In the tenth and eleventh centuries, Constantinople flourished through ________________ with western Europe, especially in silks and ________________.

3. Detail: The Byzantine Empire’s religious difficulties included a ________________ between the ________________ and the Catholic Church of the West, which was caused in part over the use of ________________.
Guided Reading Activity Cont.

The Byzantine Empire and Emerging Europe

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What events and circumstances led to the rise and fall of the Byzantine Empire?

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