

6th Grade Social Studies

Ch. 9.4 Student Notes and Vocabulary

Beginnings of Christianity

1. _____: name given to the religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus
2. Religion and the Romans
 - a. _____ B.C.- Roman religion affected by Greek culture
 - b. Roman Gods were _____ forms of Greek gods and goddesses
 - i. Built _____ to honor gods and give them homes to live in
 - ii. _____-protected women and marriage
 1. Identified with Greek goddess _____
 - iii. _____-most powerful.
 1. Identified with _____
 - iv. _____ was important part of Roman public and private life
 1. Protected the empire from _____
 - v. Government took _____
 1. Chose religious _____ and made _____ to punish those who did not worship Roman gods
 - vi. _____ A.D.-some Romans began to follow religions found in eastern provinces
 1. Some religions promised _____ for believers
 2. Christianity promised _____ for believers and gained many followers
 - a. _____-is the saving of the human soul from evil with a promise of life after death
 - vii. **Why did the Roman government take control of worship?**
 - viii.

3. Jesus and His Teachings

a. Read and identify 3 things that you read

i.

ii.

iii.

4. The Spread of Christianity

a. (p. 303) The spread of Christianity caused _____ for Roman leaders

i. Law allowed people to have other religious beliefs as long as they _____ the Roman gods

1. Christians _____

2. Romans were _____ that the Roman gods would not protect them if the Christians did not worship them

3. This led to Romans to _____ the Christians for their beliefs

4. _____-seek out and punish

5. Many Christians became _____ (people willing to die for their beliefs)

6. Polycarp was a martyr

b. Why did some Roman leaders fear Christianity?

5. Rome and the New Religion

- a. _____ A.D.-Romans stopped persecuting Christians for a time because of Constantine (Roman emperor)
- b. _____ A.D. Constantine fought in the battle at the Milvian Bridge near Rome
 - i. He reported that the word _____ appeared in the sky above him just before battle.
 1. He had his soldiers _____ chi and rho on their shields
 2. They _____ the battle
 - a. Constantine believed that the Christian god was _____
 3. _____ A.D.-issued the Edict of Milan
 - a. Order made Christianity an _____ religion in the Roman Empire
 4. _____ A.D.-Emperor Theodosius I made Christianity become the official religion of the Roman Empire
 5. The _____ was the single leader of several churches
 6. The bishop of Rome became known as the _____ (leader of all bishops)

Vocabulary

Christianity

Salvation

Disciple

Messiah

Resurrection

Apostle

Persecute

Martyr

Gospels

Pope