

1. When were the Middle Ages? What are some other names for that time period? **500-1500, after fall of Rome; Dark Ages, Medieval Times**
2. How did the Byzantine Empire form? **Constantine moved capital. It was the Eastern part of Roman Empire that split off after the west was attacked.**
3. What was the capital of the Byzantine Empire and why was it so important? **Constantinople, important because of geography – it was located on trade routes.**
What city was it built to look like? **Rome**
4. Who is known as the greatest Byzantine emperor? **Justinian**
Why? **Code of laws, expanded empire, made Constantinople a beautiful city.**
5. What was the Justinian code of laws and why are they important? **Laws for Byzantine Empire. Important because he used old Roman laws and combined with new ones, it was used for 900 years, it is the basis for lots of countries laws today.**
6. What was the official religion of the Byzantine Empire? Christianity
Explain how the Christian church split during this time? **Called “The Schism”. The one Christian church split in two in 1054 – Roman Catholic in the west and Orthodox in the east.**
7. What is the Hagia Sophia, who built it, and what happened to it? **Byzantine Church – largest Christian church in the world, built by Justinian, it was turned into a mosque when the Muslims conquered.**
8. When and how did the Byzantine Empire end? **Ottoman Turks (Muslims) conquered them in 1453.**
9. What is the greatest accomplishment of the Byzantine Empire? **Preserving Greek and Roman culture.**
10. What country did the Byzantine Empire influence the most? **Russia**
Explain how. **Russians copied the Byzantine empire, their language, trade, religion**
11. Who were the Vikings and what did they have to do with the development of Russia? **Sailors and traders from the north (Sweden). They traded with the Byzantine Empire and developed cities along the trade route that became known as Russia.**
12. What happened to Kiev and what city became the new capital of Russia? **It was destroyed by the Mongols. Moscow is new capital.**
13. Who were the Mongols, who was their leader, and what did they accomplish? **Nomads from Mongolia, Genghis Khan was leader, they conquered Russia and destroyed Kiev.**
14. What did Ivan III accomplish that earned him the title Ivan “the Great?” **He overthrew the Mongols and got them out of Russia. He became the 1st leader of the new Russia.**
15. What is a czar and who was the first one? **Russian leader or ruler. Ivan IV (the Terrible) was 1st.**
16. What was Ivan IV called? **The Terrible** What is he remembered for doing (good and bad)? **He kept the Mongols out, rebuilt Kiev, united Russia, made it bigger, and began trade with Europe. BUT he was crazy and killed/tortured thousands of people including his son.**