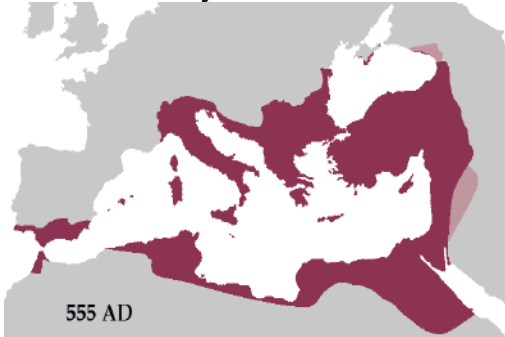
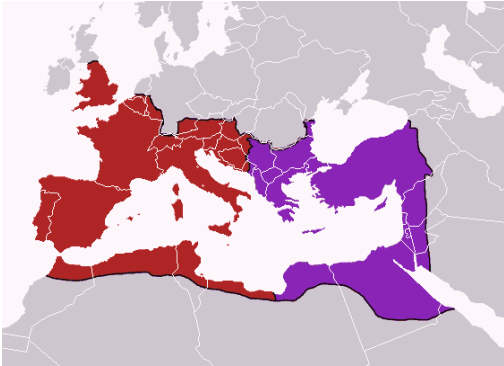


Did Rome really fall in 476?



Constantine moved the empire to Byzantium and renamed it Constantinople. Theodosius formally split the Roman Empire into two parts so both his sons could rule. The western half weakened and “fell” in 476.



The western half fell but what about the eastern half (the part around Constantinople)?

The Eastern Roman Empire continued until **1453**. This empire was known as the Byzantine Empire but they never called themselves that, they called it the “Roman Empire”. Just like how the student in the Lower Middle School don’t call themselves “The Lowers” but “Middle Schoolers”. The students in the Upper Middle School don’t call themselves “The Uppers” but “Middle Schoolers”.

In 1453 Mehmed II (from Turkey) attacked and defeated Constantinople...and so some people say the Roman Empire ended then.

Why do some historians say the empire **never fell**?

- \*government is influenced by them (we say the word “republic” in the pledge of allegiance)

- \*latin language (science class, on the penny, etc.)

- \*architecture (the way certain buildings, houses, stadiums, structures look today resembles those of the Roman Empire)