

Modern European History  
Unit 1 – Post-Roman and Medieval Europe  
The Byzantine Empire  
Reading Assignment

As you read the packed entitled “The Byzantine Empire,” do the following:

- highlight any noteworthy terms and their definitions
- highlight the portions of the text that answer the questions below and mark the highlighted text with the associated number

The questions appear in the same order as they do in the text.

1. How did the Eastern Roman Empire evolve into the Byzantine Empire?
2. What were the cultural contributions of the Byzantine Empire?
3. What role did the Christian church play in the Byzantine Empire?
4. How did the use of icons lead to a schism between the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church?
5. What threats did the Byzantine Empire face in the eleventh century?