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# The Byzantine Empire

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. The Byzantine Empire was a successor to the { }.

A. Carthaginian Empire

C. Assyrian Empire

B. Roman Empire

D. Achaemenid Empire

2. What did Diocletian do to change the way the Roman Empire was ruled?

A. He proclaimed himself “ruler for life.”

C. He allowed a council of Germanic tribes to rule the empire.

B. He started the first ever Roman dynasty.

D. He divided the empire into two parts.

3. The capital city of Byzantium would later be renamed { }.

A. Constantinople

C. Rome

B. Ravenna

D. Thessaloniki

4. Constantine was a supporter of which religion?

A. Islam

C. Judaism

B. Christianity

D. Greco-Roman paganism

5. Constantine displayed his support for Christianity through which of the following?

A. Giving preferential treatment to Christians

C. Legalizing the religion in the empire

B. Involving himself in church proceedings

D. All of the above

6. During the time of the Byzantine Empire, the people of Constantinople spoke { }.

A. Latin

C. Roman

B. Greek

D. Turkish

**7.** During his reign, Justinian {}.

- A. lost key territories in the empire's western region
- B. made Christianity the official state religion
- C. created a universal legal code
- D. suppressed Greco-Roman culture

**8.** Which of the following best describes the Hagia Sophia?

- A. Formerly the world's largest church
- B. A library housing ancient texts
- C. Defensive stone walls surrounding Constantinople
- D. A ceremonial entrance gate used by emperors

**9.** The theme system was a restructuring of the Byzantine {}.

- A. judiciary
- B. military
- C. government
- D. noble classes

**10.** In 1453, Constantinople fell to the {}.

- A. Spanish Crusaders
- B. Ottomans
- C. Seljuk Turks
- D. Mongols