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The Byzantine Empire - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

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

- A. He proclaimed himself "the ruler for life."
- B. He started the first ever Roman dynasty.
- C. He allowed a council of Germanic tribes to rule the empire.
- ☒ D. He gave lands in the east to a co-emperor.

2. During the middle ages, the city of Constantinople was

- ☒ A. the largest city in the world
- B. protected by high mountains and deserts
- C. the holiest city to Christians
- D. the home of the Pope

3. The location of Constantinople made it a place

- A. where it rained nearly all of the time
- B. where no army could ever invade
- ☒ C. where Eastern and Western cultures collided
- D. far from the influence of the Pope

4. During the Byzantine Empire the people of Constantinople spoke

- A. Latin
- ☒ B. Greek
- C. Roman
- D. Turkish

5. Theodora passed a series of laws that

- A. made her more powerful than her husband
- B. outlawed all religions but Christianity
- ☒ C. increased rights for women
- D. helped the rich get even richer

6. Theodora and her husband had what famous church built?

- A. Mecca
- B. Cathedral of St. Paul
- C. Kaaba
- ☒ D. Hagia Sophia

7. The Great Schism split apart the

- A. city of Constantinople
- B. Roman Empire
- ☒ C. Christian Church
- D. Byzantine Empire

8. The people of the Byzantine Empire were famous for portraits that combined religion with art known as

- ☒ A. icons
- B. frescoes
- C. murals
- D. mosaics

9. Who overran Constantinople and ended the Byzantine Empire in 1453?

- A. Christian Crusaders
- ☒ B. Ottoman Turks
- C. Seljuk Turks
- D. Mongols

10. In the Byzantine Empire, an iconoclast was someone who

- ☒ A. wanted icons destroyed
- B. thought icons were just fine
- C. made icons out of metal
- D. was famous enough to be worshipped