

CHAPTER
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GUIDED READING *The Byzantine Empire*

Section 1

A. Drawing Conclusions As you read about the history of Constantinople, the leading city of the Byzantine Empire, take notes to answer questions about the time line.

527	Justinian becomes ruler of the eastern empire.	→	1. What did Justinian accomplish during his reign?
537	Justinian completes building the Hagia Sophia.		
542	Deadly plague sweeps through Constantinople.	→	2. How did the plague affect Constantinople?
674	Arab armies attack Constantinople.		
860	Russians invade Constantinople for the first of three times.	↗	3. How did the Byzantines first try to prop up their shaky empire?
1054	Christianity splits into the Roman Catholic Church in the west and the Orthodox Church in the east.	↗	4. What factors led to the schism?
1204	Crusading knights from Europe pillage Constantinople.	→	5. What was the effect of the split?
1453	Constantinople falls to Ottoman Turks.	↗	6. What factors enabled the city to survive foreign attacks for hundreds of years before finally falling?

B. Analyzing Causes On the back of this paper, explain how **icons** and **excommunication** helped lead to a split between Rome and Constantinople.