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### **APWH Notes | The Byzantine Empire (Pairs with AMSCO 7)**

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**OUTCOMES:** At the conclusion of this section, students will have:

1. Traced the political, social, and religious developments of the Byzantine Empire
2. Determined the reasons for the split in the Christian church
3. Identified the ways in which the Byzantine Empire influenced the development of Eastern Europe

### **BIG IDEA:**

When the Roman Empire collapsed, the eastern half, known as the Byzantine Empire, became the dominant power in the Mediterranean World for a time. While it retained many aspects of the old Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire changed to become its own unique culture, embracing more of the influences that came out of the eastern Mediterranean, eventually becoming cut-off from the development of the West. Under constant pressure from surrounding powers, the Byzantine Empire eventually shrank and declined until the 15th century, when it ceased to exist all together.

### **NOTES:**

#### **1. DECLINE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE**



***Rome by 476 CE***

#### ***The remnants of Rome***



A. Describe the shift of power that helps lead to Rome's decline:

B. What weakened the WESTERN Empire throughout the 5th and 6th centuries?

C. What remains from the 5th to the 15th centuries?

- The \_\_\_\_\_ half, known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire

#### **2. JUSTINIAN**

A. Who takes the throne of the eastern half of the empire in 527 CE?



B. What does he conquer?

C. Describe his leadership below:

- He ruled with \_\_\_\_\_ power in a \_\_\_\_\_
- He was head of BOTH the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - The official religion was: \_\_\_\_\_
- His rule led to a new age of \_\_\_\_\_ and domination in the Mediterranean and eastern Europe. (AKA Roman Empire II)



D. What were some of his most well known projects?



### 3. NEW CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS

A. Over time, the Byzantine Empire (in Eastern Europe) develops its own unique culture separate from that of the western one.

- Language:



- Law/Politics:
- Cultural philosophy/education:

#### 4. SPLIT IN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Great Schism



A. Christianity began to develop differently in East and West...WHY?

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B. What led to the PERMANENT split?

- Reason:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in West (most of Europe)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in East (including Russia)

#### 5. END OF BYZANTINE EMPIRE

A. Began with \_\_\_\_\_ (542 CE)

- Pandemic, caused lives of millions (1/4 of population)
- Doesn't end until 700 CE

B. Empire shrank because of \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ in East
- \_\_\_\_\_ from South
- \_\_\_\_\_ from North

## 6. INFLUENCE ON EASTERN EUROPE



A. Byzantine Empire pushed Christianity north --what was the impact?

B. Kievan Rus

C. Influence on RUSSIA

