AD 330 – 1453

Byzantine Empire Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. Which emperor made Constantinople the capital in AD 330?

- (A) Justinian I
- (B) Constantine the Great
- (C) Theodosius I
- (D) Leo III

2. What happened to the Roman Empire after 476?

- (A) It lived on only in the east
- (B) It was united again under one ruler
- (C) It moved its capital to Rome again
- (D) It was conquered by the Ottomans

3. Why is Justinian's Code important today?

- (A) It set the rules for the Olympic Games
- (B) It created the first Byzantine army
- (C) It is the base of many legal systems
- (D) It ended the split between the churches

4. What made the Hagia Sophia famous?

- (A) Its tall stone tower
- (B) Its golden city gates
- (C) Its huge floating dome
- (D) Its walls along the sea

5. What was Greek fire?

- (A) A liquid weapon that burned on water
- (B) A signal of lights on the city towers
- (C) A festival held in honor of the emperor
- (D) A type of coin used across the empire

6. What did the Great Schism of 1054 divide?

- (A) The empire into east and west
- (B) The army into two rival sides
- (C) The city into Greek and Latin parts
- (D) The church into Catholic and Orthodox

7. Which defeat cost the empire most of Anatolia?

- (A) The siege of 717–718
- (B) The Fourth Crusade
- (C) The Battle of Manzikert
- (D) The fall of Constantinople

8. Who captured Constantinople in 1453?

- (A) The Seljuk Turks
- (B) The Crusaders of 1204
- (C) The Abbasid Arabs
- (D) The Ottoman Turks

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1. **B** Constantine the Great

2. **A** It lived on only in the east

3. **C** It is the base of many legal systems

4. **C** Its huge floating dome

5. **A** A liquid weapon that burned on water

6. **D** The church into Catholic and Orthodox

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