AD 330 – 1453

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Byzantine Empire timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **The Western Empire Falls**
The Germanic general Odoacer removes Romulus Augustulus, the last emperor in the west, and rules Italy as a king.

☐ **Hagia Sophia Is Completed**
After riots destroy the old church in 532, Justinian has the Hagia Sophia rebuilt in under six years with a huge dome that seems to float on a ring of windows.

☐ **Crusaders Sack Constantinople**
Soldiers of the Fourth Crusade, who had set out to fight in the Holy Land, attack and loot Constantinople and set up their own Latin Empire there.

☐ **The Fall of Constantinople**
Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II besieges Constantinople with giant cannons; on May 29 his troops break in and the last emperor, Constantine XI, dies fighting.

☐ **The Great Schism**
Leaders of the church in Rome and the church in Constantinople excommunicate each other after years of disputes over the pope's authority and church practices.

☐ **Constantinople Becomes the Capital**
Emperor Constantine the Great dedicates Constantinople, the rebuilt Greek city of Byzantium, as the new capital of the Roman Empire.

☐ **Justinian's Code**
Emperor Justinian I has his scholars gather and organize centuries of Roman laws into one set of books, later called the Body of Civil Law.

☐ **The Empire Splits in Two**
When Emperor Theodosius I dies, the Roman Empire is divided for good between his two sons, one ruling the west from Italy and one ruling the east from Constantinople.

☐ **Battle of Manzikert**
The Seljuk Turks defeat a Byzantine army at Manzikert in eastern Anatolia and capture Emperor Romanos IV.

☐ **Arab Siege Fails**
A huge Arab army and fleet besiege Constantinople for a year, but Emperor Leo III's defenders hold the walls and burn enemy ships with Greek fire, a liquid that kept burning on water.

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Put the Events in Order: Answer Key

AD 330	1.	Constantinople Becomes the Capital
395	2.	The Empire Splits in Two
476	3.	The Western Empire Falls
529–534	4.	Justinian's Code
537	5.	Hagia Sophia Is Completed
717–718	6.	Arab Siege Fails
1054	7.	The Great Schism
1071	8.	Battle of Manzikert
1204	9.	Crusaders Sack Constantinople
1453	10.	The Fall of Constantinople



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