

S.S. Final Exam

* **Constantine** moved the capital of the Roman Empire from Rome to an ancient Greek city “ Byzantium”

Became New Rome – named after Constantine “ **Constantinople**”.

Massive Diffusion of Latin language and Christianity.

- Middle Ages begin 400’s with fall of Western Roman Empire – last 1000 years

Western Roman Empire falls, and the Eastern Roman Empire thrives for 1000 years becoming the **Byzantine Empire**.

* **Byzantine Empire – Christine Empire**

Justinian Greatest Ruler of Byzantine Empire (Golden Age) - 500’s rules, known for:

- 1) **Justinian’s Code** – organized & simpler code of laws
- 2) **Hagia Sophia** – built by Justinian, a Christian Cathedral
- 3) Helped **Women** win **more RIGHTS** (with **wife Theodora’s** help)

Goal; to restore the old Roman Empire by taking back the West, gaining much land back then the **Justinian Plague** hit, killing much of his army and he lost all that he had gained.

1453 – The Ottoman Empire, ruled by Sultan- Mehmed II (Mehmed the Conqueror) conquered Constantinople, and the Muslims will now control Constantinople and **Name it, “ Istanbul”**, Turkey.

The **Hagia Sophia will be turned into a Mosque for Muslims**.

Charlemagne

- Charles the Great- King of the Franks becomes “Charlemagne”- 1st person to unite most of Europe after the Fall of Roman Empire.
- Charles Martel “Charles the Hammer -his father known as the Mayor of the Palace- united with Pope’s army run the Muslims off the Iberian Peninsula
- Charlemagne saves Pope from Germanic Tribe, Lombards - crowns Charlemagne – Emperor of Roman Empire on Christmas Day
- Middle Ages – Carolingian Renaissance known to increase literacy rate (reading), writing, EDUCATION – SCHOOLS, so people could learn to read Bible
- Spread Christianity – also forced conquered land to convert to Christianity

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Islam

- You are Muslim
- Founder- Muhammad - Mecca (or Makkah) Saudi Arabia SW ASIA
- Deity- "God" – Allah
- 5 Pillars of Islam
 - 1) Faith
 - 2) Pray 5x's day
 - 3) Charity
 - 4) Fasting – during month of Ramadan
 - 5) Pilgrimage or Hajj – to Mecca 1x in life to walk around the Kaaba 7x's
- Holy book- **Quran** a guide for daily life
- Some follow Shariah Law
- 2 major Muslims groups #1 Sunni (most/majority – believe Caliph -follower
#2 Shia Caliph should be descendent of Muhammad

Africa

- **1st three West African Kingdoms**
Ghana- Mali (Mansa Musa) - Songhai
- **Salt & Gold Trade**
- **Trans Saharan Trade route**- West Africa to SW Asia -Arab World (Muslims)
- Native religion – Animism & ancestor worship
- Griots- oral story tellers, no written language

Japan

- Archipelago – a chain of islands
- Shinto – native religion, which includes Animism(nature spirits & Kami, Torri gates), Confucianism then (Buddhism from China-> Korea->Japan)
- China major influence on everything in Japan
- Prince Shotoku - everything China, spreads Buddhism
- **Heian Period**- Arts, poetry, literature, (Lady Murasaki Shilibu wrote 1 novel in world "Tale of Genji")
- Feudalism and **Shogunate type of government**
- **Shogunate**- is a military type rule where a
- weak emperor → **Shogun (military general) rules** → Daimyo – (Lords) →
→ Samurai (Warriors/Knights) Bushido code (Chivalry) → peasants → serfs

Europe 1100s surplus goods, safer travel allows trade to resume in Europe

William Duke of Normandy → William the Conqueror (Normandy France , Viking descendent)

- 1066 won **Battle of Hastings** – in England defeated English noble for English Throne *** **Norman Conquest**
- Claims ultimate authority over all feudal lands
- Domesday book – every person, all land, every animal- for \$\$ Taxes
- French now spoken in English Court → eventually merges w/English language = what we speak today

Henry II

- King of England/ Great Britain set up Central Royal Court
- King's law to all lands in kingdom with lawyers judges
- Created Common Law – “ same laws thru out kingdom”
- Set up juries of citizens , Grand Jury, (decide if u should be charged) and Trial Jury – (decide if U are guilty or innocent)
- Sons – King Richard The Lion heart and King John

Magna Carta-

- King John of England `1215 forced by English Nobles to sign Magna Carta (Great Charta)
- 1)Limits power of King, 2)Everyone has right jury trial 3) Rule of Law (same Laws for all) 4) everyone even King has to obey laws
- It is foundation of USA Constitution

Crusades – Holy War

- Begin after Muslim Seljuk Turks threaten Byzantine Empire
- 1st called by Urban !! – reclaim Holy Land – Jerusalem, & Save Byzantine
- 1st Christians won, 2nd Muslims won w/Saladin uniting Muslims
- 3rd- Muslims Sultan Saladin vs King Richard “the Lionheart” of England, Saladin / Muslims WON

Effects of Crusades

- Europeans exposed to Muslim ideas and discoveries increasing European want of education & thought
- Trade expanded & towns boomed

LATE Middle Ages

2 events weakened Feudalism 1) Crusades 2) The Black Death (the Plague)

The Plague – Black Death- Bubonic Plague 1300's started in China →

Europe , fleas on rats on trade routes like Silk Road, & ships 1 out of 2 died

Effect : Wages rose- trade declined, decreased populations- helps end feudalism