

Christian Civilizations in Eastern Europe

from *World Civilizations* chapter 9

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Key Terms</p> <p>Justinian Hagia Sophia Greek fire Constantinople icons iconoclasm Cyril and Methodius Kievan Rus' Rurik Vladimir I boyars Tatars</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Big Picture</p> <p>During the postclassical period, two major Christian civilizations formed in Europe. One of those civilizations was the Byzantine Empire. As a successor state of the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire maintained a high level of political, economic, and cultural life from 500 to 1450 CE. Constantinople, the Byzantine capital, became one of the wealthiest and most influential cities in the world. The Byzantine Empire would play a major role in the split of Christian church in 1054. During this period, the Byzantine Empire also spread its cultural and political influence to other regions such as the newly emerging Russia.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Important Dates</p> <p>330 527-565 855 1054 1237-1241 1453</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">College Board Objectives</p> <p>Students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. explain the political and social institutions of the Byzantine Empire 2. analyze the reasons for the split of Christianity 3. identify the role of Constantinople in Byzantine society 4. analyze the interactions between Jews, Christians, and Muslims 5. explain the rise of Russia 6. evaluate the role of the Byzantine Empire in the development of Russia |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Visualizing the Past</p> <p>Women and Power in Byzantium</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Chapter Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How was the Byzantine Empire a continuation of the Roman Empire? How was it different? Consider early influences and the reign of Justinian. 2. What was Islam's relationship to the Byzantine Empire? 3. What were the basic social, political, and cultural characteristics of the Byzantine Empire 4. What caused the split between the Orthodox and Catholic churches? 5. What caused the decline of the Byzantine Empire? 6. What events led to the rise of Russia? How was Russia influenced by other societies (i.e. the Vikings, Byzantines, etc.)? 7. What were the basic institutions of Kievan Rus'? 8. What caused the decline of Kievan Rus |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Document Analysis</p> <p>Russia Turns to Christianity</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Chapter Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. What caused the split between the Orthodox and Catholic churches? 5. What caused the decline of the Byzantine Empire? 6. What events led to the rise of Russia? How was Russia influenced by other societies (i.e. the Vikings, Byzantines, etc.)? 7. What were the basic institutions of Kievan Rus'? 8. What caused the decline of Kievan Rus |