

WORLD 1-4

ROME: CONSTANTINE AND THE FALL OF ROME

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Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p>New Hope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Empire was split into 4 parts to help solve those problems.• The leader of one part was a man named Constantine. <p>Constantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constantine saw a “chi rho” in the sky before a battle.• After winning the battle he became a Christian.• He gave Christians legal protection under Roman law. (Edict of Milan)• He moved the capitol to Constantinople and made it a “Christian” capital. <p>Constantinople</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advantages:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Centrally located– Easily protected (water on 3 sides)– Access to water for trading• Lasted almost 1,000 years. <p>Barbarians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They lived outside the Roman border.• They were intelligent and sophisticated cultures.• As Rome weakened, they raided the Empire for gold.• The barbarian leader Attila the Hun refused to attack Rome because he was afraid of diseases. <p>The Fall of Rome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barbarians (Attila the Hun) invaded and demanded <u>tribute</u> which led to high taxes.• Slaves and non-citizens took advantage of the weakening Empire and rebelled.• Slow communication and travel across the vast Empire made it hard to defend. <p>The Byzantine Empire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Byzantine Empire (Eastern Roman Empire) survived a 1,000 years after the fall of the Rome.• Unlike the West, the Byzantine Emperor was the leader of the Empire AND the church.• Justinian reunited the Empire for a short time, but it fell apart after he died (never reunited again).