

Geography

- Constantinople's location:
 - Peninsula – easily defensible
 - Center of Trade Routes
 - Natural Harbors
- Proximity to Greece leads to Greek cultural influence
- Control Dardanelle Straits
 - Dardanelles (Hellespont)
 - Sea of Marmara
 - Bosphorus Strait



Justinian

- Goal – recreate Roman Empire
 - General Belisarius recaptures territory from Germanic Tribes
- Rebuilds Hagia Sophia – represent glory of God
- Expands Trade
- Codifies Roman Law
 - *Corpus Juris Civilis*

Byzantine Art & Architecture

- Influence from Rome
 - Mosaics
 - Dome (Onion Dome)



Byzantine Empire

Preservation of Greece & Rome

Great Schism
1054 CE

- 1st Split in Christian Church
 - Controversy over **Icons**
 - Disagreement over supreme authority
 - Pope vs. Byzantine Emperor
- West becomes Roman Catholic Church
 - Latin Language in the **Liturgy** (Religious Services)
 - Pope = Authority
- East becomes Eastern Orthodox Church
 - Greek Language in the Liturgy
 - Patriarch & Bishops work together
 - Byzantine Emperor = Authority



Constantinople
Crossroads of Trade



Hagia Sophia