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Read each statement and decide if it is True or False. Complete the left column before the reading by circling the T for True or the F for False. Complete the right column after finish the reading. Did any of your answers change?

BEFORE READING	STATEMENT	AFTER READING
T F	n named Leo invented Fryktories.	T F
T F	Constantine died in 321.	T F
T F	Justinian was also known as Justinian the Holy.	T F
T F	gia Irene was a church that inspired Hagia ia.	T F
T F	Constantine I ruled as Roman Emperor for 50 ye	T F
T F	Byzantine using the Greek nguage.	T F
T F	Justinian's book was called Corpus of Civil	T F
T F	Constantine chose Christianity as official religion.	T F
T F	The Western Roman Empire collapsed in 24 BC.	T F

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DID YOU KNOW?

Justinian had left be of de (money owed) after h

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Byzantine Empire

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Answer the questions below. Then on the coloring page, color each numbered section with the corresponding color.
If there is any space left over, color it your choice! Follow the directions provided to cite evidence from the reading.

Questions	Text Evidence	Answer A	Answer B
#1 What are colorful pictures made of broken bits of stone called?	Find proof in the reading and UNDERLINE it in PURPLE	Baroque	Mosaics RED
#2 What was built for chariot races and betting?	Find proof in the reading and CIRCLE it in GREEN	Hippodrome PURPLE STRIPES	Battle Maison BLUE STRIPES
#3 What did Constantine rename the capital?	Find proof in the reading and BOX it in RED	Constantinople YELLOW	Bibliotheca ORANGE
#4 What empire captured Constantinople?	Find proof in the reading and BOX it in YELLOW	Mongol RED	Ottoman ORANGE
#5 What was the ancient encyclopedia called?	Find proof in the reading and CIRCLE it in ORANGE	Bibliotheca BLUE	Britannica BROWN
#6 What does Hagia Sophia mean?	Find proof in the reading and UNDERLINE it in PURPLE	Holy crown ORANGE STRIPES	Holy wisdom GREEN STRIPES

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For hundreds of years, the Roman Empire ruled over parts of Europe and Northern Africa. Emperor Constantine I ruled as Roman Emperor for 30 years beginning in 306. In 330, he decided that Byzantium should be the center of the Roman Empire. So, Constantine moved the capital of the Roman Empire to the part of Turkey that connects Asia to Europe. He also renamed the capital Constantinople.

When Constantine died in 337, the Roman Empire was split east and west into two empires - the Western Roman Empire and the Eastern Roman Empire, also known as the Byzantine Empire. The Western Roman Empire (including Rome) collapsed in 476 BC. However, the Byzantine Empire prospered until 1453.

The Byzantine Empire ruled Eastern Europe for 1000 years. It extended east to west from the Middle East to Southern Spain. The empire included parts of Southern Europe and Northern Africa (near the Mediterranean Sea). The location of Constantinople helped the Byzantines set up a trade route which made the Byzantines rich.

Justinian I, also known as Justinian the Great, became emperor and ruled from 527 to 565. He reviewed and updated laws and created a legal system. His book of laws called the Corpus of Civil Law, or the Justinian Code, lasted hundreds of years. During Justinian's reign, the Byzantine Empire was at its peak with power, influence, and wealth.

Justinian promoted the arts, including literature, drama, and art. He also created bridges, roads, aqueducts, and churches. Additionally, Justinian granted women the right to buy and own land. Finally, he is most known for building one of the largest and most beautiful cathedrals - the Hagia Sophia (which means Holy Wisdom). Legend says Hagia Sophia was hanging from heaven by a golden chain.

Constantine chose Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire. Therefore, when the Byzantine Empire began, Christianity was already established. By 1054, the Byzantine church

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