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Constantine and the Church

Directions: Read and annotate the documents, and answer the questions below.

Conversion of Constantine and the Edict of Milan

1. What experience made Constantine convert to Christianity?

2. Describe two ways that Constantine's conversion had an impact on Christianity.

Church Hierarchy

3. As Christianity grew, what new groups of people were joining the faith, and what kind of positions did they receive within the Church?

4. How was the Church hierarchy similar to the Roman government?

5. How was the Bishop of Rome different from other Popes, at least in his own view?

The Council of Nicaea, the Trinity, and Heresy

6. Was the Christian Bible the same for everyone in Early Christianity? Explain.

7. What is the difference between Orthodox and Heretical beliefs?

8. What issue of belief, or "doctrine," caused the most debate in the Early Church?

9. How did Constantine try to solve the debate?

10. What was the conclusion of the Council of Nicaea?

11. Give one example of belief from one of the “Heresies” that conflicts with the Nicene Creed.

Summary How did the Roman view of Christianity change over time?