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**Nunc Agenda:** Examine the map on page 178-179 in your textbook. It shows the divided Eastern and Western Roman Empires. As you know, by 476 CE, the Western half had been reduced from what you see on the map to only the territory of Italy, and in that year was conquered by the Goths, the final step in the collapse of the Western Roman Empire. However, the Eastern half lived on, and by the 6<sup>th</sup> century (500s CE), what we know today as the Byzantine Empire had about the same territory you see on the map.

That changed during the reign of the Eastern Emperor Justinian, who hoped to retake from the Germanic kings the lands that once belong to the Roman Empire. The map on the screen shows with a red line how much he was actually able to take back. However, the conquests did not last for long, as soon fell to other Germanic rulers. Examine the map on the screen to see how much the Empire decreased by 1020.

**Question:** Do you think Justinian's effort to regain the Roman Empire was a success or a failure? Explain.

# Justinian and the Byzantine Empire

## Byzantine Empire

- \_\_\_\_\_ Empire- commonly used name for the \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Empire which lasted until 1453 CE
- Culture was a blend of Roman, \_\_\_\_\_, and Christian influences, people saw themselves as \_\_\_\_\_
- Consisted originally of Greece, the Balkans (north of Greece), \_\_\_\_\_, the Levant, and \_\_\_\_\_
- Centered around the capital city of \_\_\_\_\_, originally established by Emperor Constantine
- Constantinople located on the \_\_\_\_\_ Strait between the Mediterranean and Black Seas, making it an ideal center of \_\_\_\_\_
- Byzantine gold coins, known as \_\_\_\_\_, have been found from England to China

## The Reign of Justinian I

- \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to revive the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire by reconquering its lands in the West

- Fought wars against the \_\_\_\_\_ in North Africa and the \_\_\_\_\_ in Italy and Spain, as well as the \_\_\_\_\_ Persian Empire, which cost a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_
- Used high \_\_\_\_\_ and trickery to gain funds
- Ruled as an \_\_\_\_\_ ruler, having total control over his Empire
- One official wrote about him, "The emperor is \_\_\_\_\_ to all men in the nature of his body, but in the authority of his rank he is similar to \_\_\_\_\_, Who rules all."
- Empress \_\_\_\_\_ - smart, tough, beautiful, former dancer and \_\_\_\_\_ (high-class prostitute), Justinian saw her perform and married her, she became \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Riots
  - In 532, riots broke out in the \_\_\_\_\_, the chariot-racing arena
  - The fans of the two teams, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, who normally fought with each other, \_\_\_\_\_ against the Emperor, unhappy with his rule
  - The rioters took to the streets yelling \_\_\_\_\_, meaning Conquer, and Justinian was about to flee the city until his \_\_\_\_\_ convinced him to stay
  - He put down the rebellion, and rebuilt the parts of the city it had destroyed
- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ rebuilt by Justinian after the riots, the symbol of the Byzantine Empire
- Justinian said when he saw it finished, "O Solomon, I have surpassed you!" in reference to the Jewish Holy \_\_\_\_\_
- Successfully reconquered much of the Roman Empire, and reorganized and simplified the confusing Roman law into the \_\_\_\_\_
- Plague of Justinian (541)- \_\_\_\_\_ Plague strikes the Empire and spreads throughout Europe, killing \_\_\_\_\_ people a day in Constantinople, ultimately about 40% of its inhabitants
- Over the next few centuries, the effects of the plague, combined with invasions by Persians, Vikings, Arabs, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ caused the Empire to shrink until it fell in \_\_\_\_\_