

Chapter 12: Cross-Cultural Exchanges on the Silk Roads

Section 2c & 4: The Spread of Epidemic Diseases and the Collapse of the Western Roman Empire

Directions: Read the entirety of the above section, including any additional text selections such as “Eyewitness” or “Sources from the Past” and examine all maps, charts, images, and diagrams. As you read, in the first section below, define the listed World History vocabulary terms, being sure to make connections to the broader topic where appropriate. Also, in the space under that, define simply any other high-level vocabulary words that you do not already know. In the second section below, answer the questions in detail, explaining based on details from the reading. Finally, in the last section, keep track of any questions you had while studying this section and give your feedback on this assignment.

Identify

Epidemic Disease (249)
Barracks Emperors (253)
Diocletian (253)
Tetrarchy (253)
Constantine (253-254)
Constantinople (254)
Bosporus Strait (254)
Germanic Peoples (255)
Buffer State (255)
Huns (255)
Attila (255)
Alaric (255-256)

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____ Period _____

Odoacer (256)

Byzantine Empire (256)

Edict of Milan (256)

Theodosius (256)

St Augustine (256)

Doctrine (257)

Canonical (257)

Heretical (257)

Patriarch (257)

Pope (257)

Higher-Level Vocabulary

Directions: In the space under that, define simply any high-level vocabulary words that you don't already know.

Explain and Analyze

NOTE: Throughout this section, much is discussed about the geography of China and its neighbors. Please refer regularly to the **map on page 255** to see the places and routes being referenced.

1. Identify some of the major diseases that spread through trade routes during the Classical period. (249)
2. Why did the diseases that spread have a particularly devastating impact in areas that had never really been exposed to that disease before? (Use and define the word "immunity" in your response) (249)

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3. Draw two small graphs showing the changes in population in Rome and in China based on the effect of disease, along with a brief explanation. (249)

4. How did epidemic diseases change China and the Roman empire both economically and politically? What does the textbook mean by “regional self-sufficiency”? (249-250)

5. Why do you think many pagan (polytheistic) Romans blamed the plague on Christianity? (250)

6. How did Saint Cyprian interpret the plague in a Christian view? What reassurance that he gave to Christian suffering through disease and pain? What example did he give to explain this plague as a test from God? (250)

7. How did the actual overall size of the empire play a role in the decline of the empire? (253)

8. What efforts were made by Diocletian to stabilize Rome politically and economically? (253)

9. What efforts were made by Constantine to strengthen the Roman Empire? (254)

10. Yikes! What did the Sasanids do to Emperor Valerian?! (254-255)

11. Examine the map thoroughly, and for each region below, name the group or groups that invaded. (255)
 - a. Italy (including the very north):
 - b. Gaul:
 - c. Spain:

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d. North Africa:

e. Britain:

f. Balkans:

g. Greece:

h. Anatolia:

i. Syria:

j. Egypt:

12. How did the Visigoths adapt to Roman culture? To what extent were they accepted by the Romans?
(255)

13. What impact did the Huns have on the Germanic populations in Europe, and how did that affect Rome?
(255)

14. What happened to the West after the fall of the Western half of the Empire? What about the East?
(256)

15. What role did Saint Augustine play in the development of Christianity? Why was that important? (Use the word reconcile correctly and your answer) (256-257)

16. Identify some of the diverse and sometimes conflicting beliefs that existed in the early Christianity?
(257)

17. Why was the number of different religious texts and writings used by Christians reduced overtime?
(257)

18. What was the purpose of the Council of Nicaea and the Council of Chalcedon? (257-258)

Question

Directions: In the space below, record any questions or confusions you had while reading. Be sure to note at least the page number for the content on which the question is based for future reference.