**Byzantine Empire**

*DIRECTIONS: Complete the notes while reading Ch. 1, Section 1 in the Medieval World textbook.*

|  |
| --- |
| 1. Constantinople was at the crossroads of which two groups?

**The Christian Byzantines and the Muslim Arabs and Turks** |
| 1. Describe Constantinople.

**It had large markets, forums or public squares, paved roads, a cathedral, a palace, public baths, and a hippodrome or circus.**  |
| 1. Why was the East side of the Roman Empire stronger than the West side?

**It had a stronger military and its trade made it strong.** |
| 1. Describe how trade impacted Constantinople.

**Because of trade, there was a diversity of people, goods, and ideas and made it a center of international trade. The Byzantine Empire grew rich.** |
| 1. What made Emperor Justinian so good? What were some of his achievements?

**He was energetic, rarely gave up on a task, and listened to his subjects whether they were rich or poor. He also contributed the Justinian Code. This was a collection and summary of Roman laws.** |
| 1. What was Byzantine culture like?

**It blended Greek, Roman, and Christian influences** |
| 1. What religion did the Byzantine Empire practice? How was that different from Western Europe? What happened because of the differences?

**Eastern (Greek) Orthodox Christianity which did not recognize the authority of the pope. The west practiced Roman Catholic Christianity. There was a schism, or split, in the Christian Church.** |
| 1. How and when did Constantinople fall? What was it renamed?

**It fell to the Turks and was renamed Istanbul** |