**Engineering an Empire – The Byzantines**

Justinian dome Nova Roma Black Sea

Asia Constantinople earthquake Constantine

bankruptcy Europe Hippodrome Walls

Christianity Hagia Sophia Mediterranean Sea Theodora

1. The ancient Greek city-state of Byzantium was founded in the late 7th century B.C. It was located on the Strait of Bosporus. This site was chosen because it connects two continents – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and two important bodies of water – the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Nine hundred years later in the early 4th century A.D. the city was re-built by the emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Although it was built to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (New Rome), it was named after its founder and was called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The new city did not reflect the heritage of the old Greek and Roman pagan gods; instead it reflected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the religion of its founder.
4. When threatened by attacks from the Huns, the emperors and engineers of Constantinople constructed a concentric series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to repel enemy troops. The engineers used limestone mortar in the construction to provide a slight amount of flexibility in case of a devastating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. After the “fall” of the Western Roman Empire in A.D. 476 the Eastern Roman Empire continued. The emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tried to re-create the glory of the Roman Empire. Upon taking the throne as the new emperor, Justinian named his wife \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be a co-ruler.
6. The high taxes and strict laws of Justinian prompted the people of Constantinople to riot after a sporting event (chariot races) at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The supporters of the colorful teams (Reds/Greens/Whites/Blues) took the riots to the streets resulting in mayhem.
7. Although he was going to flee for safety, Justinian listened to his wife Theodora and stayed. What was his response to the riots a week later?
8. The riots burned a large part of the city. Within a few weeks of the riots (and the massacre) Justinian started construction of the Church of Holy Wisdom, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The dominant architectural feature of the Church is a massive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that was enlarged after it first collapsed.
9. The costs of the building and military campaigns left the Byzantine Empire in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that lasted for hundreds of years.