

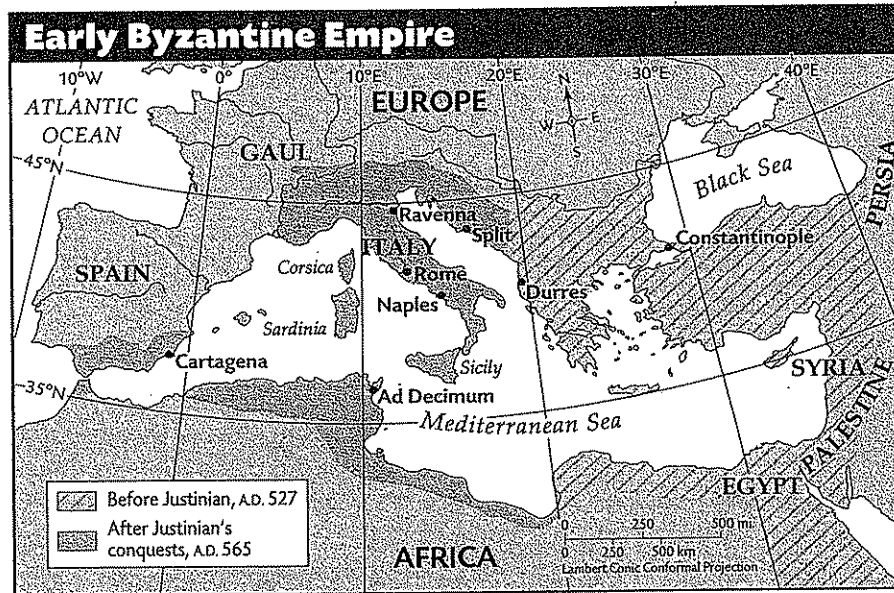


# MAPPING HISTORY 10

Activity

## Justinian's Conquests

**A**fter the Western Empire fell following several waves of invasions, Constantinople became the new power center for the empire. Byzantine emperor Justinian wanted to recover the lands lost to the invaders and reconstitute the Roman Empire. In the end, Justinian was able to take back much, but not all, of the territory that had once belonged to Rome. The map below shows Justinian's empire. Use it to complete the activities that follow.



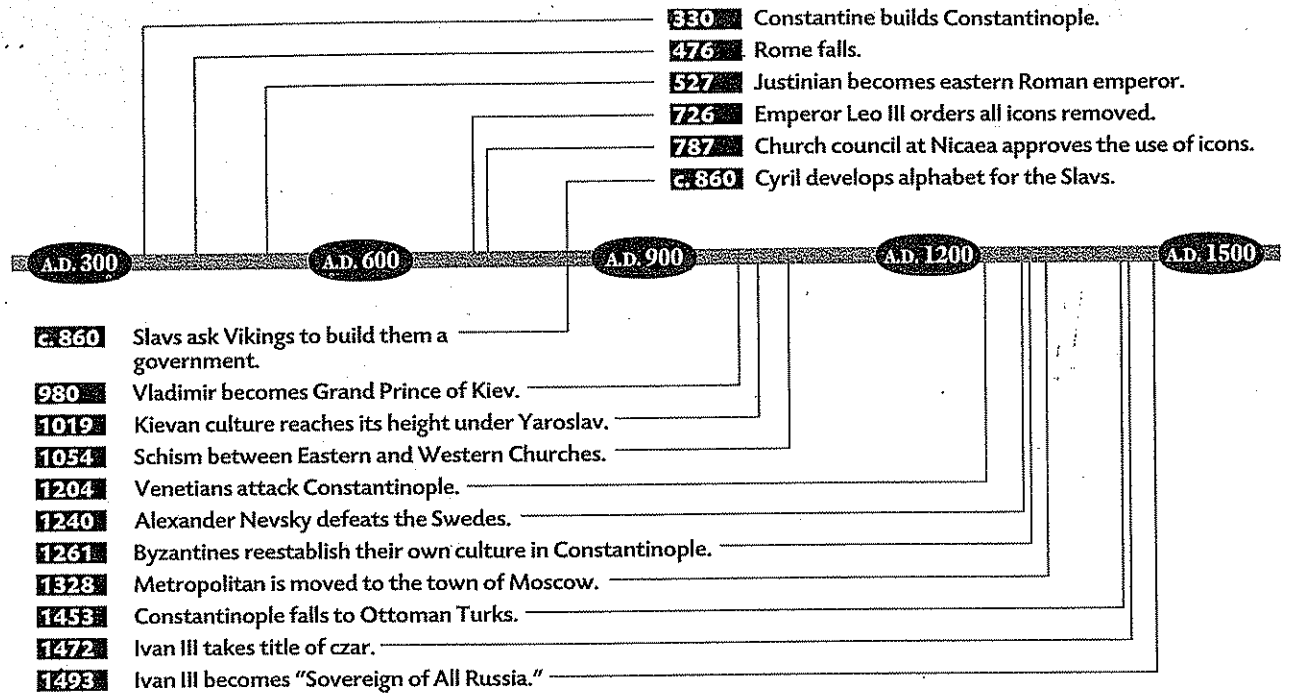
1. Constantinople is about how many miles from Rome? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Constantinople sits at the crossroads of which two bodies of water? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Read the following historical description of Justinian's campaigns to take back the lost territories. Using the information provided, draw arrows on the map to show the routes that were taken.

In A.D. 533, the first expedition left Constantinople and was directed toward Africa. The Byzantine forces led by Belisarius landed in what is today the country of Tunisia. There, they defeated the Vandals in a battle at Ad Decimum and at the nearby city of Tricamarum. From there, the Byzantines sailed to Sicily, Sardinia, and Corsica and took back those islands. In A.D. 535, the second expedition was launched. This time, the plan was to recapture the Italian Peninsula. Belisarius, who occupied the island of Sicily, landed at Naples, fought his way to Rome, and pushed north to Ravenna. At the same time, Mundus, operating on the Balkan Peninsula, launched an invasion from Durres to Split. A third expedition was led by Liberius in A.D. 554. He landed at Cartagena and fought the Visigoths to take back Spain. Despite these successes, Justinian's expanded empire failed to include the interior of Gaul (now called France) or Spain.

# Time Line

## Activity 10

### Byzantines and Slavs



Look at the events listed on the time line above to answer the following questions.

1. How many years passed between the rise and fall of Constantinople? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When was the message of the Bible spread to the Slavic peoples? \_\_\_\_\_
3. After the Venetians and their European allies defeated the Byzantines, they established the Latin empire. When did this change take place? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long did the Latin empire last? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who led Kievan Rus during its golden age? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Moscow began as a small town that gradually expanded its control over surrounding territory. About how many years did it take for this town to become the capital of a huge empire? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When did the iconoclasts achieve their aims? \_\_\_\_\_
8. When did Rurik, the Viking leader, accept an invitation to rule over the Eastern Slavs?  
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