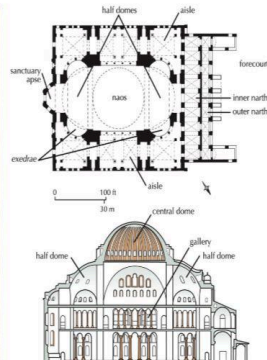
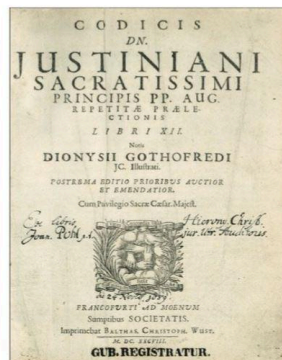



Rome Byzantine Empire Activity

Trash Talk

By moving the capital of the Roman Empire to Byzantium in 330 CE, Constantine not only created one of the world's great cities, Constantinople (now named Istanbul), he also laid the foundation for one of history's great empires, the Byzantine Empire. This activity will challenge you to identify some of the traits that made the Byzantine Empire so great.

All historians love trash. Trash talks. More than telling us what people throw out, trash tells us how people live. For this activity, I want you to sort through a Byzantine trash heap. At its peak, Constantinople was 20 times larger than London or Paris at the time, so there was a lot of trash! At the time that the west was in decline, Constantinople continued to value art and education. As you sort through this Byzantine trash heap, look for clues to what made the Byzantine Empire great.

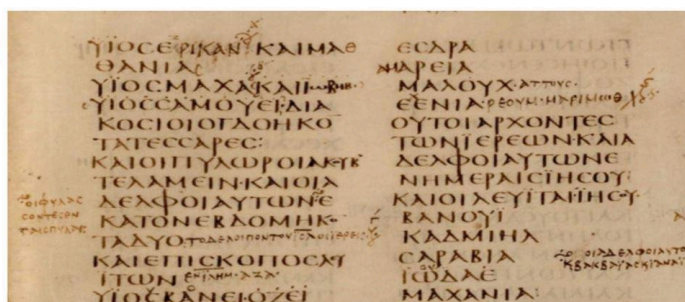


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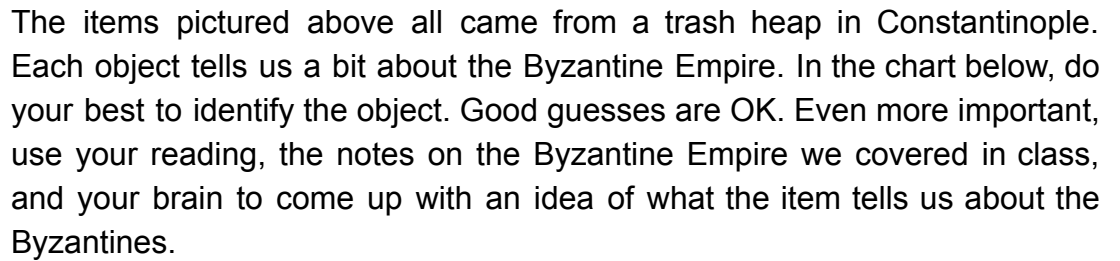
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E.

F.

G.



- **What do I see?**
- **What does this object represent?** Anything about culture, economy, military power, religion, leisure activities, politics, language?
- **What part of Byzantine culture is shown here?**

Object	What is it?	What does the object tell us about the Byzantines?
A		
B		
C		
D		
E		
F		
G		