

WORLD HISTORY

BYZANTINE, ISLAM, & MONGOLS

BYZANTINE OVERVIEW

I. THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

- A. Had broken into East and West for management purposes
 - 1. West invaded by Barbarians and broken down
 - 2. East Ousts Barbarians under Emperor Justinian
 - a. Justinian begins political, economic, intellectual, and artistic revival that will keep Byzantine Empire strong for more than 1000 years.

II. THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE

- A. The Church
 - 1. Recognized the Patriarch in Constantinople rather than the Pope in Rome as head of the Church
 - 2. After years of arguments, the Christian Church split in 1054.
 - a. WestRoman Catholic
 - b. EastEastern Orthodox
- B. Byzantine Culture
 - 1. Preserved Roman Law
 - a. Justinian ordered scholars to collect and organize all Roman Law. This collection of laws is known as Justinians Code.
 - b. It remained in force until the Ottoman Turks toppled the empire in 1453.