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Roman Empire vs. Byzantine Empire

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|  | Roman Empire  (3-5 aspects unique to Rome) | Both  (at least 1 aspect in common) | Byzantine Empire  (3-7 aspects unique to Byzantine) |
| 1: Capital  **1st:** look at the maps & compare Rome to Constantinople (fill in chart)  **2nd:** read about the city Constantinople & take notes | Rome (from map) |  | Constantinople (from map)  Constantinople (notes from reading) |
| 2: Law Code | Twelve Tables |  | Justinian Code |
| 3: Military |  |  |  |
| 4: Emperors  (for Rome, pick 2 good emperors & 2 bad emperors to take notes on) |  |  | Justinian |
| 5: Economic/ Trade |  |  |  |
|  | Roman Empire  (3-5 aspects unique to Rome) | Both  (at least 1 aspect in common) | Byzantine Empire  (3-7 aspects unique to Byzantine) |
| 6: Architecture | Pantheon |  | Hagia Sophia |
| 7: Religion | Roman gods  Religious Tolerance  Christianity |  | Eastern Orthodox Christianity |
| 8: Fall from Power  (give the year for both) |  |  |  |

Overview questions:

1. Agree or disagree: Governments are more successful when they have a powerful leader. Explain your answer.
2. Based upon what you read about Justinian, do you feel he was a successful leader? Explain.
3. Why do you think Constantinople was able to withstand so many sieges, but only was taken over 3 times?
4. Worshipers of the time had never been in such a large building. What elements of Hagia Sophia do you think made them feel welcome and comfortable?
5. If you could have lived during either the Roman Empire or the Byzantine Empire, which would you have chosen? Why?