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GUIDED READING *The Byzantine Empire*

Section 1

**A. Drawing Conclusions** As you read about the history of Constantinople, the leading city of the Byzantine Empire, take notes to answer questions about the time line.

<p><b>527</b> Justinian becomes ruler of the eastern empire.</p> <hr/> <p><b>537</b> Justinian completes building the Hagia Sophia.</p> <hr/> <p><b>542</b> Deadly plague sweeps through Constantinople.</p> <hr/> <p><b>674</b> Arab armies attack Constantinople.</p> <hr/> <p><b>860</b> Russians invade Constantinople for the first of three times.</p> <hr/> <p><b>1054</b> Christianity splits into the Roman Catholic Church in the west and the Orthodox Church in the east.</p> <hr/> <p><b>1204</b> Crusading knights from Europe pillage Constantinople.</p> <hr/> <p><b>1453</b> Constantinople falls to Ottoman Turks.</p>	<p>→</p> <p>→</p> <p>↗</p> <p>↗</p> <p>→</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>1. What did Justinian accomplish during his reign?</p> <hr/> <p>2. How did the plague affect Constantinople?</p> <hr/> <p>3. How did the Byzantines first try to prop up their shaky empire?</p> <hr/> <p>4. What factors led to the schism?</p> <hr/> <p>5. What was the effect of the split?</p> <hr/> <p>6. What factors enabled the city to survive foreign attacks for hundreds of years before finally falling?</p>
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**B. Analyzing Causes** On the back of this paper, explain how **icons** and **excommunication** helped lead to a split between Rome and Constantinople.