



GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 1-3

The Byzantine Empire

Directions: Reading for Accuracy Reading the section and completing the activity below will help you learn more about the Byzantine Empire. Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the blank, and if a statement is false, rewrite it correctly on the line.

- _____ 1. In the A.D. 500s, the Byzantine Empire stretched from Spain in the west to India in the east.

- _____ 2. Constantinople was a thriving city because of its location on the waterways between the Black Sea and the Aegean Sea.

- _____ 3. After being built in the Greek style, Constantinople was known as the "New Athens."

- _____ 4. As time passed, the Byzantine Empire became less Roman and more Greek.

- _____ 5. Emperor Justinian was a weak leader who was controlled by the army.

- _____ 6. Because of the influence of the empress Theodora, laws were passed that allowed a Byzantine wife to own land.

- _____ 7. The general Belisarius was unable to defeat the Persian army.

- _____ 8. Byzantines developed their own form of Christianity known as the Eastern Orthodox Church.

- _____ 9. In the Byzantine Empire, the patriarch of Constantinople was in control, with the emperor respecting his wishes.

- _____ 10. The Byzantine Empire was rich and influential but only existed for 200 years.
