

Byzantine Art Question Sheet

1. Indicate the three distinct periods the Byzantine era is generally divided up into (with dates).
2. In what year did Constantine move his capital from Rome to Constantinople?
3. What is the name of the huge church constructed in the 6th century under rule of Justinian in Constantinople?
4. What was the key role of these beautiful churches and all of the mosaics, paintings and reliefs found within? Look at this from both a religious and political point of view.
5. What was the crisis that faced the church during the middle Byzantine era?
6. How did the arts change during this period, and how did the Slavic regions influence the arts?
7. What crisis did the Byzantine Empire face during the late era? When did the crisis end?
8. Constantinople fell to the Turks in 1453. Explain how Byzantine art continued to flourish even after the empire was no more.
9. For fun...what was happening in the world during the 15th century? 1400 -1499 CE (common era) Mention significant historical events and individuals. 😊