

Engineering an Empire - The Byzantines

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Why did Constantine move the capital from Rome to Byzantium?
2. What were the biggest problems faced by the early Byzantine engineers, as the city of Constantinople began to grow?
3. What is the significance of Constantinople in terms of trade, politics, and religion
4. What role does water (both fresh and salt) play in the development and security of Constantinople?
5. What is the significance of the Theodosian Walls?
6. How long does this wall protect Constantinople from attack?
7. Who are Justinian and Theodora?
8. Who were the Blues and the Greens? How does Justinian deal the political pressure that these groups attempt to place on him?
9. What was the crowning achievement of Justinian's building program?
10. Who is Basil? Why does he so dislike the Bulgarians?
11. What's a trebuchet?