Video: Engineering an Empire: The Byzantines

1. In what year did Constantine gain full control of the Roman Empire?
2. What was the name of the new capital city that Constantine founded?
3. What was Constantine’s rule marked by?
4. What problem did Constantinople near the time of Constantine’s death?
5. How long was this new aqueduct?
6. What was the purpose of the Cistern?
7. What was Constantinople’s population near the end of the 5th Century?
8. What group came knocking at the door of Constantinople? Who was their leader?
9. What advantage did the city of Constantinople have over Rome?
10. What allowed the walls to standup after earthquakes?
11. What were the dimensions of the wall?
12. Why was the stirrup an advantage for the Huns?
13. What happened to Constantinople in 447 A.D.?
14. What did the Byzantines do to improve their defenses?
15. How many years did the walls keep invaders out?
16. What innovation protected the city from water-borne attack?
17. In what year did the last Roman emperor abdicate the throne?
18. Why was Justinian an outsider?
19. What did Justinian do the raise the profile of Theodora?
20. How did the citizens of the Byzantine Empire convey their concerns/anger? What was the purpose of this place?
21. What colors were the teams? What do these teams resemble today?
22. What happened at the Hippodrome in 532 A.D.? What was the impact of this event?
23. What was Theodora’s response to the upheaval?
24. Why do we remember the period of Justinian today?
25. What was the “Church of Holy Wisdom”?
26. What architectural device did the Byzantines use for the Hagia Sophia? What does it do?
27. Why does Isidoris raise the dome?
28. Who paid price of constant campaigning?
29. Who led the Byzantines at the time of their comeback? What military technology did he utilize to crush cities?
30. What revenge did Basil II institute on the Bulgars?
31. What new weapon did the Ottomans use on Constantinople in 1453?
32. What was the new name given to Constantinople under the Muslims?