

History of the Byzantine Empire and the Middle Ages

History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Who was the Byzantine Emperor in 1425?

- A) John VIII Palaiologos**
- B) Constantine XI Palaiologos
- C) Theodore II Laskaris
- D) John IV Laskaris

2. What was the Council of Florence (1438-1439) about?

- A) The union of the Eastern and Western Churches**
- B) The coronation of a new emperor
- C) The defense against Ottoman expansion
- D) The establishment of new trade routes

3. What was the sentiment of the Byzantine people towards the union with the Latin Church?

- A) They did not accept the unions**
- B) They eagerly accepted the unions
- C) They were indifferent to the unions
- D) They proposed a new union

4. According to the text, what was preferred over Latin rule?

- A) Ottoman rule**
- B) The rule of Venice
- C) The rule of Genoa
- D) The rule of the Pope

5. Who was the ruler of the Despotate of Epirus mentioned in the text?

- A) John II Orsini**
- B) George Kastrioti Skanderbeg
- C) Constantine Palaiologos
- D) Michael VIII Palaiologos

6. What significant event happened on May 7th, according to the text?

- A) The Turks began their siege with a large cannon**
- B) The Emperor fled Constantinople
- C) The walls of the city were breached
- D) A peace treaty was signed

7. What was the name of the new empire founded by the Byzantines after the fall of Constantinople?

- A) The Empire of Trebizond
- B) The Despotate of Epirus
- C) The Empire of Nicaea
- D) The Latin Empire**

8. Which Byzantine emperor reigned from 1449 to 1453?

- A) John VIII Palaiologos
- B) Constantine XI Palaiologos**
- C) Theodore II Laskaris
- D) John IV Laskaris

9. What was the primary reason for the Byzantine Empire's decline?

- A) Lack of aid from the West**
- B) Internal conflicts
- C) Invasions by various peoples
- D) Economic collapse

10. Who was one of the last Byzantine emperors to rule?

- A) Constantine XI Palaiologos**
- B) John VIII Palaiologos
- C) Michael VIII Palaiologos
- D) Theodore II Laskaris

11. What event marked the end of the Byzantine Empire?

- A) The fall of Constantinople**
- B) The Council of Florence
- C) The Ottoman conquest of the Balkans
- D) The rise of the Empire of Trebizond

12. What was the name of the city that fell in 1453?

- A) Trebizond
- B) Nicaea
- C) Constantinople**
- D) Epirus

13. Which of the following was NOT a Greek state after the fall of Constantinople?

- A) Trebizond
- B) Epirus
- C) Nicaea
- D) The Despotate of Athens**

14. The intellectual legacy of Byzantium was preserved and transmitted to?

A) Western Europe

B) The Ottoman Empire

C) The Arab world

D) Persia

15. Who was considered the third Rome?

A) Constantinople

B) Moscow

C) Rome

D) Athens

16. Which empire succeeded the Byzantine Empire?

A) The Ottoman Empire

B) The Holy Roman Empire

C) The Russian Empire

D) The Venetian Empire

17. What was the primary goal of John VI Kantakouzenos' foreign policy?

A) To strengthen the Byzantine Empire's position against the Germans and Latins

B) To conquer new territories

C) To establish trade with the East

D) To defend against the Ottomans

18. What was the main focus of John VI Kantakouzenos' economic policy?

A) The development of the agricultural economy

B) The expansion of maritime trade

C) The promotion of industry

D) The taxation of the clergy

19. What was the significance of the fall of Constantinople in 1453?

A) It marked the end of the Byzantine Empire

B) It led to the rise of the Ottoman Empire

C) It resulted in the spread of Greek scholars to the West

D) It triggered the Renaissance

20. Which of the following was a successor state to the Byzantine Empire?

A) The Empire of Trebizond

B) The Kingdom of France

C) The Kingdom of England

D) The Kingdom of Hungary