Survival of the Eastern Empire

1. What did the Byzantine people call themselves? Why do we call them Byzantines?

2. How are they different than the Romans?

3. Why was Constantinople considered to be in an ideal position?

4. What were Justinian and Theodora’s humble beginnings? What positions did they eventually take?

Directions: Use the map on page 418 to fill out the following on the blank map
- The Eastern Empire
- The Western Empire
- Rome
- Constantinople
5. What was Justinian’s goal? Did he accomplish his goal? Why or why not?

6. What happened to the empire after Justinian died? Who conquered parts of the empire?

7. Why was Constantinople such a hard city to conquer?

8. Who eventually conquered Constantinople?