

ORAL QUIZ ON JUSTINIAN

To administer this and other oral quizzes, print this form, sit down at a table opposite your student, and use the questions below to prompt the student to tell you what he knows. As the student answers the questions, use the spectrum form on the following page to note how well he does, on a scale from “failing” to “excellent.” Is he detailed enough in his answers? Could he use more specific words? If you have discussed additional points in your reading besides those that we list, how well does he remember them? As always, you yourself must assess your student’s answers in relation to what you have taught him, so feel free to expand this evaluation (and the form) as needed.

For your convenience, we list after each question some answering points that a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from this week’s reading, although he is not required to know all of the details we have listed.

Justinian and the Byzantine Empire

1. What did Justinian rule over?
Justinian ruled as emperor over the Byzantine Empire, which was the eastern half of the Roman Empire. His capitol city was Constantinople, which was once called Byzantium.
2. What did Justinian do?
Justinian ruled his Empire and expanded its borders greatly and the Byzantine Empire reached its greatest extent under him. He also gave orders for the construction of many beautiful public buildings, especially churches. It was Justinian who commissioned the cathedral of Hagia Sophia. Justinian also set up a new system of laws called the Justinian Code.
3. What happened to the Byzantine Empire?
The Byzantine Empire lasted for 1,000 years after the fall of the Western Empire in A.D. 476, but it could not last forever. The power of the Byzantine rulers gradually declined, and their lands dwindled, until at last Constantinople itself fell to the Ottoman Turks in A.D. 1453. The cathedral of Hagia Sophia became an Islamic mosque (place of worship).

1. WHAT DID JUSTINIAN RULE OVER?

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2. WHAT DID JUSTINIAN DO?

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3. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE?

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