

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **mark off** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

BYZANTINE EMPIRE

In 285 AD, the Roman Empire was split into two parts by the Emperor Diocletian. Over the years, it was split again and reunited, but in 395 AD, the empire was divided into two for good. The Byzantine Empire was the Eastern part of the Roman Empire, which occupied the same area as the current countries of Italy, Greece, and Turkey, as well as parts of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Israel. The name Byzantine Empire was used to describe a particular era of the Roman Empire, which was from approximately the year 330 to 1453 AD. Generations of emperors, or Basileus, ruled the Byzantine Empire for eleven centuries.

Emperor Constantine was one of the first emperors of the Byzantine Empire and came into power in 306. He named the capital city Nova Roma, meaning New Rome, in the year 330. The capital city came to be better known as Constantinople, (Constantine's city) or even as Byzantium. He wanted to squash out the old Roman religion in which they believed in many gods and goddesses in favor of a new religion with one god. The old city of Rome in Italy had pagan (non-Christian) ties to the old religion, and he wanted to start fresh with a new capital of the Christian religion. Constantine ruled for 30 years.

Throughout the years around 200-500, much of the Western portion of the Roman Empire was attacked by different groups, and changed hands many times as new invaders came in and wanted to capture the city of Rome in present-day Italy. Even though the rule and political structure changed in the Western Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire, that was the Eastern portion, was not as affected.

Around the year 500, things started to change for the Byzantine Empire. Invaders started pushing toward Constantinople from the east. The Byzantine Empire fought back, and under their new emperor in 527, Emperor Justinian I, they even regained some of the Western lands surrounding the Mediterranean Sea like Italy, Spain, and Portugal that had been attacked. Justinian ordered all Roman laws to be reviewed and reformed. He wrote the laws

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What were the emperors of the Byzantine Empire also called?



Byzantium



Prima Nova



Sultan



Sultan

4

In 285 AD, the Roman Empire was split into two parts by the Emperor ____.



Diocletian



Justinian I



Caesar



Heraclius

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What was the Corpus of Civil Law also known as?



Justinian Norms



Justinian Corps



Justinian Conduct



Justinian Code

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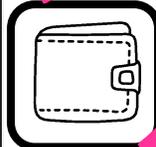
The Byzantine Empire was the ____ part of the Roman Empire.



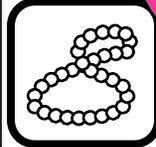
Northern



Eastern



Southern



Western

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The _____ Empire
conquered
Constantinople.



Moys



British



H



Ottoman

8

Generations of
emperors ruled the
Byzantine Empire for
_____ centuries.



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9

Who became
emperor in 527?



Diocletian



Justinian I



Mehmed



Heraclius

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Now, Roma became
a city known as
_____.



Cairo



Constantinople



Heracleia



Athens

CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

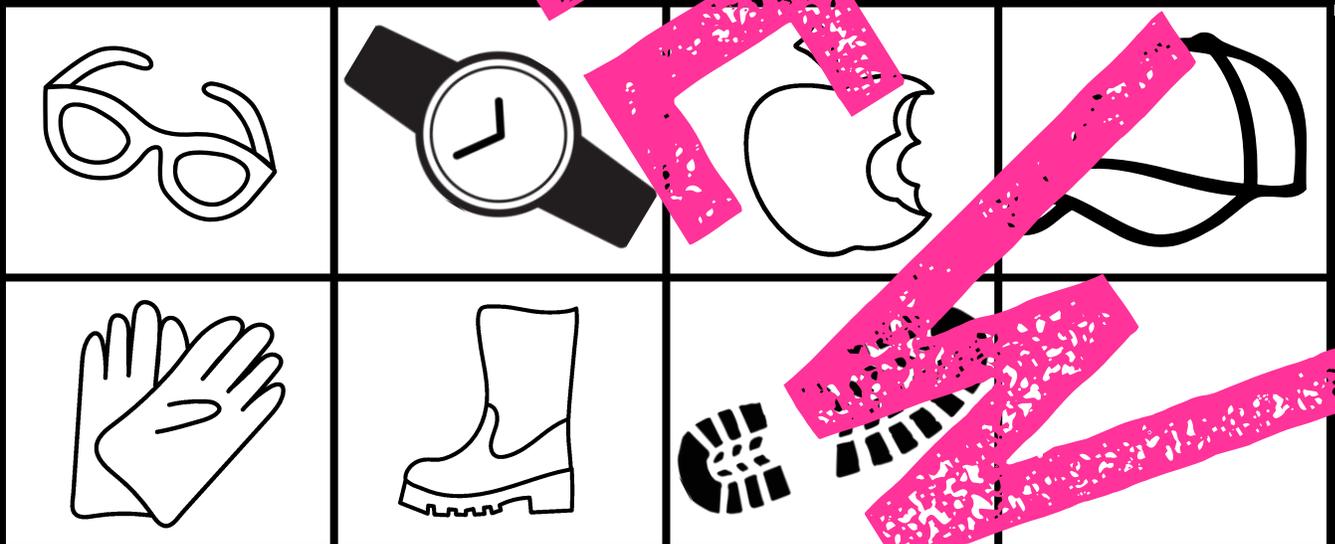
SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

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THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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