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**WHAP**  
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**The Birth of Christianity, the Collapse of Empires, and the Byzantine Empire**

**Foundation of Civilizations 8**

Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

**The Birth of Christianity**

- Describe where, when, and how Christianity started – \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Briefly explain how Christianity grew into a universalizing religion – \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Describe where Christianity initially diffused to, gaining a strong following - \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Briefly explain how Rome changed from an empire that persecuted Christians, to an empire that adopted Christianity as its state religion – \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Contrast Orthodox Christianity with Roman Catholicism – \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Collapse of the Classical Empires**

- Describe THREE factors that lead to the fall of empires – \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Briefly explain how the Han Dynasty collapsed – \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Describe how the Han's fall could be interpreted as a net gain for women – \_\_\_\_\_  
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• Briefly explain how the Roman Empire collapsed – \_\_\_\_\_

• Describe the rise and scientific contributions of the Gupta Empire – \_\_\_\_\_

• Briefly explain why the Gupta's downfall mirrored that of other empires – \_\_\_\_\_

### The Byzantine Empire

• Describe Byzantium's growth into the prominent Byzantine Empire, anchored at Constantinople - \_\_\_\_\_

• Define: caesaropapism, and describe how Justinian I increased the power of the Byzantine Empire – \_\_\_\_\_

• Describe the Byzantine Empire as an economic influence amongst its neighbors – \_\_\_\_\_

• Describe the Byzantine Empire as a cultural influence amongst its neighbors – \_\_\_\_\_

