

AP World

Essential Questions

Chapter 10 – Eastern European Civilizations: Byzantium & Orthodox Europe

1. What was the relationship between the Byzantine Empire and the earlier Roman Empire and what were the main similarities and differences?
2. How does the Byzantine Empire fit the theme of state building and expansion?
3. Why did the two major regional versions of Christianity part? How significant was the split?
4. What were the main commonalities among the societies that developed in eastern Europe during the postclassical period?
5. What kinds of imitation affected Russia's development in the postclassical period?
6. What were the main changes and continuities, in the eastern Mediterranean, between patterns during the Roman Empire and patterns in the postclassical period?
7. How does Orthodox Christianity differ from Roman Catholicism?
8. What are some of the explanations (causes) for the growing weakness of the Byzantine Empire?
9. How did the Byzantine Empire influence the development of Russia?
10. How did Eastern Europe fall behind Western Europe in terms of political development?

How to determine grade /20 points

18+ (A): Exceptional answers; have multiple examples/terms to support answer. Make connections from examples/terms to how it answers the question.

16/17 (B): Above average answers; have some specific terms, but lack connection.

14/15 (C): Average answer; vague, lacking connections and no specific terms/example

12/13 (D): Answers below average; Incomplete or Wrong. They are extremely vague and barely address the question.