

# Study Guide: Roman & Byzantine Empires

## Key Topics to Review:

1. **Start of the Roman Empire**
  - Who was the first emperor?
  - What changes did Augustus make?
2. **Pax Romana**
  - What does “Pax Romana” mean?
  - What major achievements happened during this time?
3. **Other Roman Emperors**
  - What were Caligula, Nero, and Marcus Aurelius known for?
4. **Origins of Christianity**
  - Where did Christianity begin?
  - How did Jesus teach and spread his message?
  - What happened to Jesus?
5. **Spread of Christianity**
  - Who were Peter and Paul?
  - What did Constantine do for Christianity?
6. **Roman Achievements and Legacy**
  - What inventions and ideas from Rome are still used today?
7. **Causes of Rome’s Decline**
  - What were the four main reasons Rome fell?
  - Who invaded Rome?
8. **Byzantine Empire**
  - What was its capital?
  - Who were Justinian and Theodora?
  - What was Justinian’s Code?
9. **The Great Schism**
  - What was the argument about?
  - What happened to the Christian Church?
10. **Fall of the Byzantine Empire**
  - What led to its downfall?