**Ch. 8: Civilization in Eastern Europe: Byzantine & Orthodox Church**

**Reading guide**

**The Byzantine Empire: (pg. 195-204)**

1. What are four origins of the Byzantine Empire?
2. Who was Justinian and what are four accomplishments of this ruler?
3. What are four problems that plagued the Empire?
4. Briefly describe the following about the Byzantine Empire.
5. Political structure
6. Military structure
7. Social structure
8. Economic structure
9. ***Visualizing the Past***: What evidence does this mosaic provide about the role of women in the Byzantine Empire?
10. What are five reasons for why the Eastern Church split with the Western Church?
11. What are four reasons for the decline of the Byzantine Empire?

**The Spread of Civilization in Eastern Europe (pg. 204-209)**

1. What was the religion of the Balkans?
2. What is Cyrillic?
3. What area of Eastern Europe had the largest concentration of Jews?
4. Briefly describe early **Slavic** culture.
5. What city became the foundation of early Russian society?
6. What leader converted the area to Christianity in 980?
7. What leader issued a legal codification of laws?
8. Briefly describe the culture of early **Russians.**
9. What are three reasons for the decline of Kiev as the main capital?

**In depth: Eastern and Western Europe: The Problem of Boundaries (pg. 209-210)**

1. What were the main characteristics of Russian civilization as it first emerged in the post-classical period?
2. In what ways did Poland, Hungary, and the Czech lands differ from these characteristics?

**Other questions:**

1. What occurred at Manzikert in 1071?
2. Who are the Tatars?
3. What are three similarities between Byzantine and Chinese political organization?
4. How did the Byzantine Empire influence the development of Russia?
5. What are two similarities and two differences of the impact of the Byzantine Empire on Eastern Europe and the impact of the Islamic world on Africa?