

# Growth and Decline of the Byzantine Empire

## Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to page 46 of the Atlas. Read the introduction and look at chart A, “Byzantine Wars.” Use the information to complete the paragraph below.

The Eastern Roman Empire continued to exist for nearly \_\_\_\_\_ years after the fall of the Western Empire. The Eastern Roman Empire became known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire. The capital of the Empire was \_\_\_\_\_. The capital was a major center for \_\_\_\_\_. Wealth from trade was used to maintain a strong \_\_\_\_\_ because the Empire had many enemies and was constantly threatened with invasion. The reasons for the attacks were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The first groups to attack the Empire were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Then, from 630 to 975, \_\_\_\_\_ also invaded and gained territory from the Empire. The Islamic \_\_\_\_\_ empires were the final invaders. After fighting for nearly \_\_\_\_\_ years, they conquered the Empire in \_\_\_\_\_.

## ★ History Through Maps

2. Look at map B, “Challenges to the Byzantine Empire.” Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
  - a. By 565 the Byzantines had conquered the lands of the former Western Roman Empire. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Between 565 and 1360, the Byzantine Empire expanded. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The first lands the Byzantines lost included all their territory in Africa. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Invasions were the only challenge to the Byzantine Empire. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. The capture of Constantinople marked the end of the Byzantine Empire. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. The Byzantine Empire fell to Arab invaders. \_\_\_\_\_