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Byzantine Empire and Islamic Empire Map Activity

**Directions:** Using the provided maps, recreate a map of the Byzantine Empire and Islamic Empire on the attached blank map.

**1.** Using the maps on page 8 and 243 of your textbook, add the following cities and countries to your map:

 Venice Jerusalem Africa

 Moscow Medina Europe

 Rome Mecca Asia

 Constantinople Baghdad

**2.** Using the map on page 8 and the maps on page 243, label the following bodies of water:

 Mediterranean Sea North Sea

 Black Sea Atlantic Ocean

 Arabian Sea

 Caspian Sea

**3.** Using the map on page 8, lightly shade in both the Byzantine Empire and the Muslim Empire. Use different colors for each!

**4.** Using the map on page 8, carefully draw in the land trade routes and sea trade routes. Use different colors for each!

**5.** Create a **key** in the bottom left box on your map. See the map on page 8 for an example.

*When your map is complete (steps 1-5) answer the following questions:*

**1.** Why do you think Constantinople is described as being as a *crossroads*between Europe and Asia?

**2.** How many places can you find on the map where a land route and a sea route join to become one continuous route?

**3.** Why do you think Constantinople was so significant (important) to the Byzantines?