

**Directions:** Please answer the following questions in a typed document following MLA formatting. On time submission = printed document submitted in class on the due date AND submission to Turnitin.com by class time.

1. After the failed invasion of Armenia in 336, why did Shapur II crack down on Persian Christians?
2. Before he died, Constantine was preparing a crusade against Persia, not to be confused with the Crusades of the Medieval Age (series of military campaigns to take Jerusalem and the Holy Land back from Muslim control). Using a dictionary, look up the definition of “crusade” and explain why Constantine’s planned attack on Persia was different than the Medieval Crusades.
3. Why was Constantine buried in a mausoleum at the Church of the Holy Apostles? In your opinion, was this burial appropriate for him as emperor?
4. In Chapter 5, we learn that Julian earned the nickname “Julian the Apostate,” for his renunciation of Christianity, and his renewed dedication to the old Roman religion. Look up the definition of “apostate” and explain whether or not this was this a fair assessment of Julian.
5. Describe the complex relationship between the Romans & the Goths under emperor Valens.
6. One of the most important events to affect the Roman empire in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century was an earthquake followed by a tsunami. Explain how the event was rationalized differently by the Romans and the Christians. Despite the different explanations from two factions, what was the common link between their explanations?
7. Both Gratian and Theodosius institute major reforms in the now catholic Christian Church. Describe some of these reforms and their impact on both the church and on Rome.
8. How did Magnus Maximus come to power as co-emperor? Once emperor, pinpoint one decision or event that may have brought about his downfall.
9. Why did the Christian historian Orosius call the Battle of the Frigidus a battle of “pious necessity”? What “mystical things” happened during the Battle of the Frigidus that predicted the defeat of Eugenius and Arbogast by Theodosius, Stilicho, and Alaric?
10. How did the historians of the late Roman empire, in particular Jordanes and Cassiodorus, define the Goths? Before Alaric, were the Goths a real nation? Why or why not?