

BYZANTINE LEADERS



Aim: How did Justinian and Theodora gain and maintain power? How are they controversial figures?

Do Now:

- 1) What was the Byzantine Empire?
- 2) What was the significance of Constantinople?

Remember during these lessons we are comparing Byzantine Empire to the old Roman empire

IV. GREAT RULERS

JUSTINIAN [R. 527-565]

A. Byzantine Empire reached its height

1. **Reconquest of the western empire from the Barbarians (Germanic people)**
2. **Wealth: through conquest and taxation**
3. **Public projects:** bridges, churches, monasteries, libraries, parks, public baths, and aqueducts.



How was Justinian like the rulers of Rome?

WHAT TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE?



V. Spreading the Empire

Justinian's Empire at its Peak



Class Discussion: Why did Rome constantly try and add new territory?

What trade network does the byzantine empire now control why is that so important?

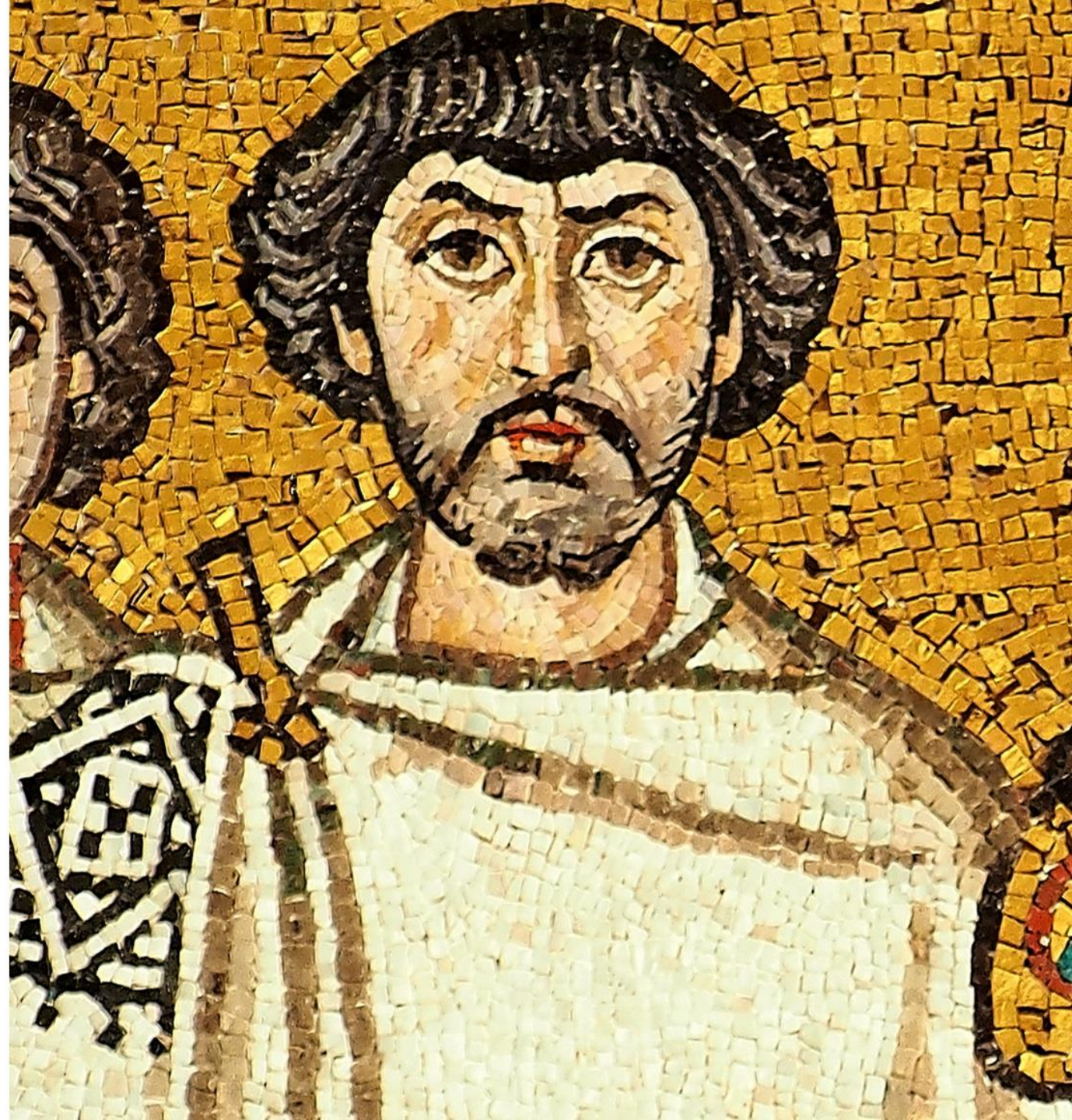
VII: GREAT MILITARY

- General Belisarius – Led the Byzantine Army

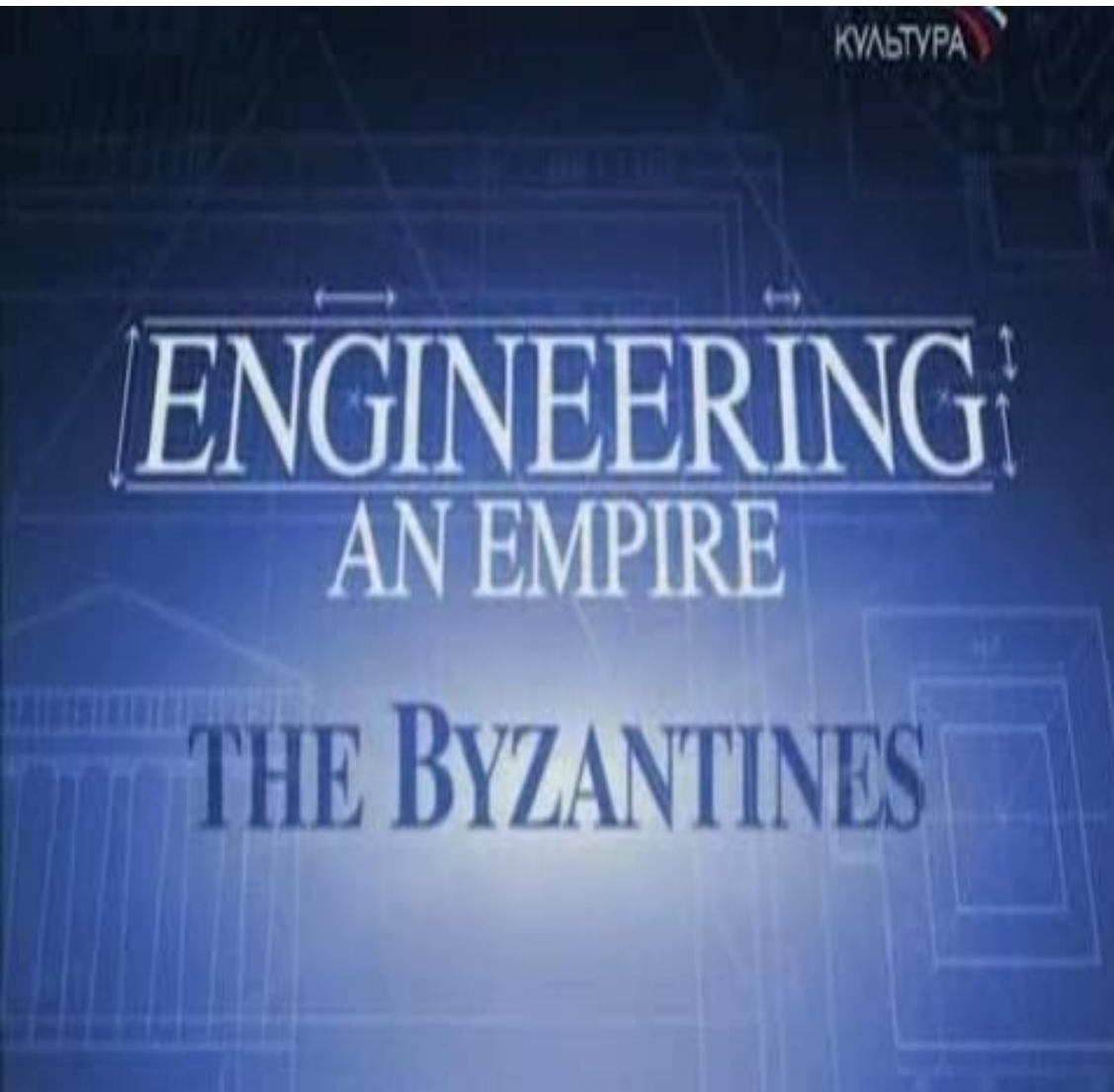
Defeated Germanic tribes in North Africa, Italy, and Rome.

Primary Source: Read the secret history by Procopius and answer the 3 questions that follow

- 1) How would you characterize Procopius' opinion of Justinian?
- 2) What evidence does Procopius offer to support his opinions of Justinian?
- 3) Do you think that Procopius depiction is accurate? Why or why not?



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Fill out questions 7-14 while video is playing

Mid Assessment

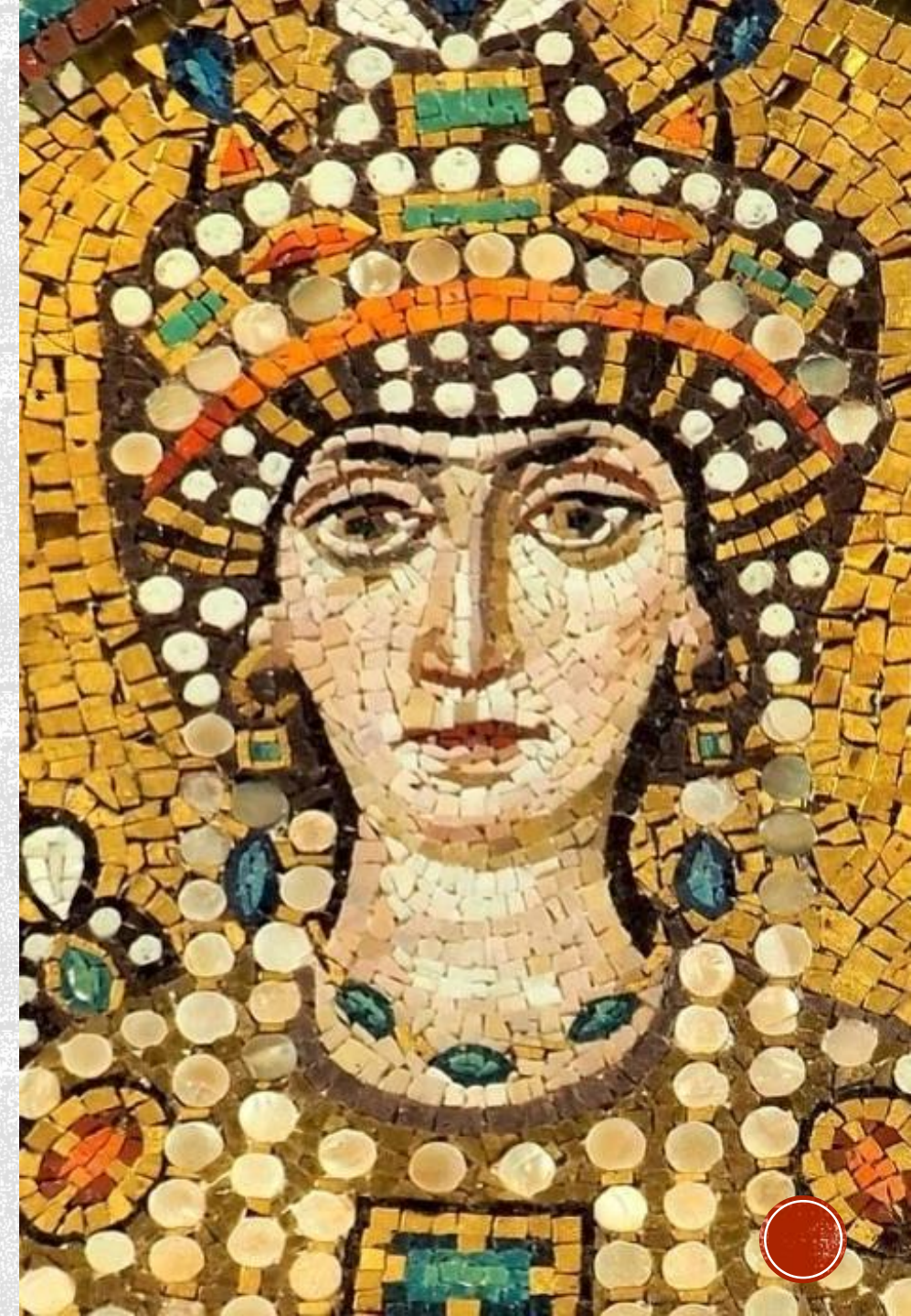
1) How did Justinian and Theodora gain and maintain power? Give 3 reasons



THEODORA: WOMAN OF WILL

Such a powerful empress,
some historians see her as
a co-regent to her husband

- 1) How did conversion to Christianity change Theodora's life?
- 2) Why did Theodora urge toleration of the Monophysite sect of Christianity?
- 3) To what extent did Theodora save her husband's throne?
- 4) Why did Justinian want to favor Orthodox Christianity?
- 5) Why did Theodora urge Justinian not to fell Constantinople?
- 6) How might building churches and beautifying Constantinople have helped the imperial couple regain influence after the Nika Rebellion?



EXIT TICKET

- Why are they Justinian and Theodore controversial leaders?
- Fill out index card
- Name at the top

