

The Byzantine Empire

English Workshop

Workshop A

Write a paragraph to say why the Byzantine Empire was so stable and secure. The paragraph should have five sentences:

- one sentence to introduce the subject,
- a second, third and fourth sentence to explain three reasons why,
- a fifth sentence to conclude your ideas - why the Empire was so stable and secure.

Workshop B

"Between 1000 and 1453, the Empire became more and more introverted, that means more concerned with its own internal affairs than with those of the rest of Europe, Asia or Africa. Internal political disputes became vicious, although they did not affect the stability of Empire. As in the ancient Roman Empire, the Byzantines had many palace revolutions and ambitious assassins."

Write one sentence to say why the Byzantine Empire was able to survive all of its political traumas.

Homework Mini-Project

In two weeks write the story of the Byzantine Empire!

Use four paragraphs

- ❑ Introduce the idea of Byzantine history, say what subject you intend to write about. Describe the origins of Byzantium.
- ❑ Tell the story of the adventures, failures and successes of Justinian.
- ❑ Explain the schism in Christianity, explaining possible causes and consequences of the division.
- ❑ Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of Byzantine government.
- ❑ Summarise your story and say what you think about the adventures of the Byzantines.