Chapter 11 Section 1 – Critical Thinking Questions

A New Rome in a New Setting

1. Why could Justinian claim to be a new Caesar?
2. Considering the risks, why did anyone want to be the emperor of Byzantium?

Life in the New Rome

1. How did strengthening the connection between church and state strengthen Justinian’s own power?
2. How was Constantinople like a modern U.S. city?

The Empire Falls

1. Why did the empire suffer from riots, religious quarrels, and other setbacks after Justinian’s death?
2. How did Constantinople’s location help it survive so long?

The Church Divides

1. How did Emperor Leo III bring about the division of the Church?
2. Why was it important for people to read the Bible in their own language?