WHAP CH. 16 Essential Questions

1. Benjamin of Tudela proposed that, “Wealth like that of Constantinople is not to be found in the whole world.” Why was Constantinople so wealthy? What role did trade play in its creation and its centuries of dominance?
2. How did the Viking invasions influence the rise of Europe? Besides being powerful warriors, what were the main achievements of the Vikings?
3. Examine the social structure of the Byzantine empire. Explain the theme system. Trace the changing status of the peasants.
4. Examine the split between the Roman Catholic church and Greek Orthodox church. What led to this fundamental split? How did this split influence later history?
5. In what ways did Byzantium carry on the legacy of Rome? What was Justinian’s dream? In what ways was Byzantium different from Rome?
6. Examine the theory of caesaropapism. What were its origins? Explain its relation to the power of the Byzantine emperor. What influence did it have on European history?
7. Examine the reign of Justinian. Explain the significance of Justinian’s code. In what ways did Justinian influence history?
8. Examine the invasions that plagued Europe after the fall of Rome. How was Europe influenced by these migrations?