

Guided Reading Activity



The Byzantine Empire and Emerging Europe

Lesson 3 *The Early Christian Church*

Review Questions

Directions: Locate each heading below in your textbook. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

I. Organization of the Church

A. What role did priests and bishops play in the early Christian Church?

B. What special authority did the bishop of Rome assume?

C. What measures did Gregory I take to increase the pope's power and authority?

D. How did the Church gain political power?

II. The Monks and Their Missions

A. What did Christian monks do in order to pursue a more spiritual life than they could find in ordinary society?

B. How did Benedict establish the basic form of monastic life in the western Christian church?

C. Why were monasteries important to education and learning?

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D. How did women pursue a Christian spiritual life?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

Why were religious communities an important force in the emerging European civilization?
