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Why was the capital moved from
Rome to Constantinople?

1.) Constantinople was much further away from the Barbarian attacks from the Germanic tribes. Constantinople was much easier to protect than Rome.

2.) To be closer to Rome's major trading partners. Constantinople was located at the "crossroads" of trade connecting Europe and Asia.

Role of Constantinople:

- * It was the headquarters of the Byzantine Empire until 1453 AD when the Ottoman Turks conquered them.
- * Constantinople preserved classical Greco-Roman culture long after the Western Roman Empire fell.