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BYZANTINE EMPIRE ACHIEVEMENTS & CULTURE

ACHIEVEMENTS IN ART & ARCHITECTURE:

- 1.) Inspiration for Byzantine art and architecture came from Christianity and to honor the power of the Byzantine Emperor.
- 2.) Icons (religious images) were very popular in Byzantine art.
- 3.) The use of mosaics (glass collages) in both public and religious buildings.
- 4.) Most famous Byzantine building is the "Hagia Sophia" - a domed church built during the reign of Justinian in Constantinople.

CHARACTERISTICS OF BYZANTINE CULTURE:

- 1.) Greco-Roman culture continues to flourish as Greek and Roman knowledge is preserved in Byzantine libraries.
- 2.) Greek is the primary language spoken throughout the Byzantine Empire (as contrasted with Latin being spoken in the Western Roman Empire).
- 3.) Form of Christianity practiced in the Byzantine Empire is known as Greek Orthodox Christianity or Eastern Orthodox Christianity.