

Unit 3 Home Learning Week 11

Thursday - Reading

The text is the same for all activities. You choose which questions you want to do..

Bronze, Silver or Gold

Constantine

Constantine the Great lived between 272 AD and 337 AD. He came to be Emperor after his father's death in 306 AD and remained in power until his death in 337 AD. After becoming Emperor he had to fight and win several civil wars to become the sole ruler.



Constantine was a really important Emperor in the history of the Roman Empire. He introduced a new gold coin called the solidus which lasted for more than a thousand years. He was also the first Roman emperor to be a Christian as he joined the Christian faith just before dying. He has since been referred to as the 'First Christian Emperor'.



Constantine went on to build a new imperial home in modern day Istanbul which he named Constantinople. It became the capital of the Empire for more than a thousand years. After his death he left the empire to his sons. For that reason his reputation flourished for centuries after his reign.

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Comprehension

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2 – How did he come into power? (1)

3 – How did he become the sole ruler of the empire? (1)

4 – What was the solidus ? (2)

5 – Why was he known as the First Christian Emperor? (1)

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Grammar

Grammar Reminder

Verbs are the action words in a sentence. They describe what the subject is doing. Verbs are one of the main parts of a sentence or phrase.

9 - Underline all of the verbs in the following sentences: (4)

- *Constantine the Great lived between 272 AD and 337 AD.*
- *It became the capital of the Empire.*
- *He introduced a new gold coin called the solidus.*

Extension

10 – Write four detailed facts about Constantine. Remember to use the correct punctuation in your sentences! (4)

Answers

1 – 272 AD and 337 AD

2 – After his father's death

3 – He had to fight and win several civil wars

4 – A new gold coin / It lasted for more than a thousand years

5 – He joined the Christian faith just before dying

6 – Modern day Istanbul

7 – More than a thousand years

8 – He left the empire to his sons

Grammar Questions

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- *Constantine the Great lived between 272 AD and 337 AD.*
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10 – One mark for each fact, as long as they are punctuated correctly