APWH Chapter 9 Reading Guide Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Civilization in Eastern Europe: Byzantium and Orthodox Europe*

1. Of what empire did the Byzantine Empire consider itself a direct continuation?

Which portion? How much longer did this empire last?

1. Where was the Byzantine Empire’s capital? Which branch of Christianity radiated from here?
2. How did western and eastern Europe differ in the postclassical era?
3. What became the official language of the Byzantine Empire? Why was this significant?
4. Who led a last-ditch effort to restore the former Roman Empire? In what intellectual and architectural endeavors was he more successful?
5. Who took a lot of territory from the Byzantine Empire?
6. Describe the role of the Byzantine emperor. What was the relationship between church and state in Orthodox Christianity?
7. Could women be emperors? Describe the main component of the Byzantine bureaucratic system. How was it similar to China’s?
8. What luxury goods did the Byzantine Empire export?
9. What architectural and artistic characteristics defined the Byzantine Empire’s legacy?
10. What was the Great Schism? When did this occur? What was the end result?
11. List the similarities versus differences between the Eastern and Western Christian church after the Great Schism.
12. When did the Byzantine Empire’s period of decline begin? When did Constantinople fall? Who conquered this region?
13. Why was the fall of the Byzantine Empire significant?

*The Spread of Civilization in Eastern Europe*

1. Which people migrated to eastern Europe in growing numbers in this era? What occupation was available to them?

*The Emergence of Kievan Rus’*

1. Where did traders who set up cities in places such as Kiev probably originate? What types of goods were they trading with the Byzantine Empire? What name did this principality adopt?
2. What religion did the Kievan Rus adopt? Why? List some other examples of cultural diffusion from the Byzantine Empire to Kievan Rus’.
3. Which group of people controlled major Russian cities beginning in the mid-1200s? How did this impact Russian developments and interactions with other civilizations?
4. Why will Russia in the next era call itself “the third Rome?”