Justinian is a Byzantine Emperor.

Summary: This reading talks about Justinian's rise to power after the fall of the Roman Empire. During his early years, many internal conflicts arose and he was looked at as a "fool." Justinian had many policies as he sought to control the old Roman Empire. The death of Justinian was a rejoicing as he was so much control during his reign.

Quote: "Justinian never considered himself merely an Eastern emperor, and his empire had never officially accepted the loss of its territory, which always remained legally Roman and subject to eventual recovery." —Great quote!

Quote: "When Justin I died in 527, Justinian and Theodora succeeded without contest." —Like this quote.

How did the region of Justinian affect the lives of the people in the empire? This is a good question. How can we answer it off for what we have learned?

In what ways did Justinian use Theodora to help contribute to the empire? I like this quote!
What did Theodora do to help the Byz Empire to grow? Why would Justinian order to kill 30k of his own people? Good question!

She served the emperor, I like the quote, I like the quote...

Theodora

Summary
To better understand Theodora's role in the growth of the Byz empire and Justinian's life.

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I like your visual of a crown. Of course, do you have any thoughts on whether we could draw for Theodora?
Theodora

Woman of Will

Summary

A woman known as Theodora was a well-sought actress and prostitute. She was a Christian, but she was in a sect called Monophysites. She was the most modest, quiet, and meek to Justinian. They fell in love, and he made her a patrician so he could marry her. For 20 years, she worked alongside Justinian. She made divorce laws more favorable for women and also convinced her husband Justinian to stay after the Nika Riots. Peace was restored. She helped Justinian to build religious buildings. She died of cancer before Justinian died.

Quotes

- "A fateful encounter transformed Theodora from a reformed actress to the wife of the heir apparent to the Byzantine throne."
  - (Paragraph 2, lines 1-2)
- "Two years later, they became emperor and empress."
  - (Paragraph 5, lines 5-6)

Questions

1. If you were Justinian, now would feel about falling in love with someone who has a result of being immoral?
- (Great question that may say "history" instead.

2. Imagine you were living during the times of the Nika riots, how would you react to all the chaos going on?

Great question!