



Hagia Sofia

Completed: 537 CE



Justinian I and Theodora

mosaics in Ravenna, Italy

Completed: 548 CE

KEY VOCABULARY

Monument

A building or place that is **important in history**

Ancient Rome

The **ancient civilisation** connected with Rome

Empire

A large area of land including lots of **countries ruled over** by an emperor

Emperor

The **ruler** of an empire

Byzantine Empire

The continuation of the Roman Empire, centred around the city of Constantinople. Also known as the **Eastern Roman Empire**

Constantinople

The **capital city of the Byzantine Empire** named after Emperor Constantine the Great (and previously called Byzantium). Now present-day Istanbul

Mosaic

A picture or a **pattern made by putting small pieces of stone, glass or other materials** together

Dome

A **rounded roof** of a building with a circle-shaped base

Ornate

Elaborately decorated

Icon

A painting of **Jesus, or another holy figure**, usually painted on wood and used by Christians for prayer and reflection