

ORAL QUIZ ON JUSTINIAN

To administer this and other oral quizzes, print this form, sit down at a table opposite your student, and use the questions below to prompt the student to tell you what he knows. As the student answers the questions, use the spectrum form on the following page to note how well he does, on a scale from “failing” to “excellent.” Is he detailed enough in his answers? Could he use more specific words? If you have discussed additional points in your reading besides those that we list, how well does he remember them? As always, you yourself must assess your student’s answers in relation to what you have taught him, so feel free to expand this evaluation (and the form) as needed.

For your convenience, we list after each question some answering points that a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from this week’s reading, although he is not required to know all of the details we have listed.

Justinian and the Byzantine Empire

1. What did Justinian rule over?

Justinian ruled as emperor over the Byzantine Empire, which was the eastern half of the Roman Empire. His capitol city was Constantinople, which was once called Byzantium.

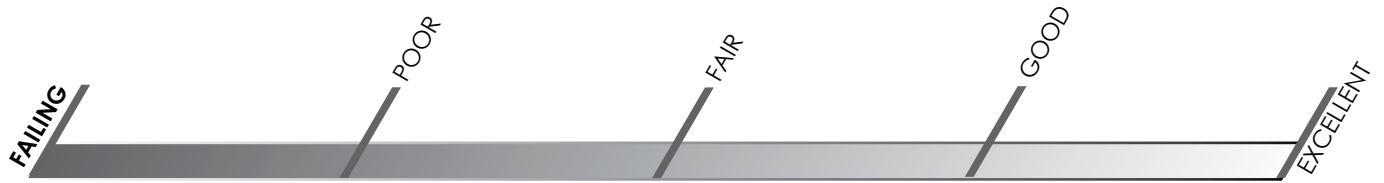
2. What did Justinian do?

Justinian ruled his Empire and expanded its borders greatly and the Byzantine Empire reached its greatest extent under him. He also gave orders for the construction of many beautiful public buildings, especially churches. It was Justinian who commissioned the cathedral of Hagia Sophia. Justinian also set up a new system of laws called the Justinian Code.

3. What happened to the Byzantine Empire?

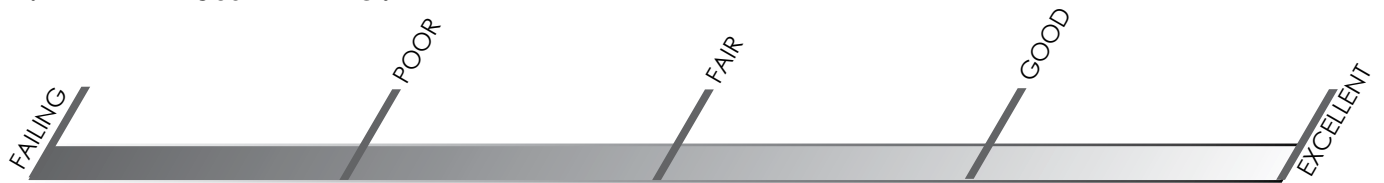
The Byzantine Empire lasted for 1,000 years after the fall of the Western Empire in A.D. 476, but it could not last forever. The power of the Byzantine rulers gradually declined, and their lands dwindled, until at last Constantinople itself fell to the Ottoman Turks in A.D. 1453. The cathedral of Hagia Sophia became an Islamic mosque (place of worship).

1. WHAT DID JUSTINIAN RULE OVER? _____



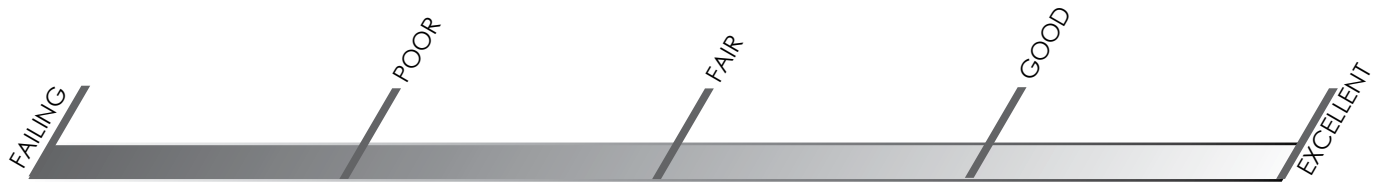
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2. WHAT DID JUSTINIAN DO? _____



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3. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE? _____



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ORAL QUIZ ON MUHAMMAD

The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

The Life of Muhammad

1. Where was Muhammad born?

Muhammad was born in Mecca, a city in Arabia.

2. What was Muhammad's childhood like?

Muhammad's parents were poor people, though it is believed that they were descended from Arabian princes. They died when Muhammad was still a child. The boy grew up under the care of a kind uncle named Abu Talib, who brought him up in the trade of merchants and camel drivers.

3. Whom did Muhammad marry?

Muhammad married a rich widow. Her name was Khadijah.

NOTE: Muhammad afterwards married ten other women, including the six-year-old Aisha.

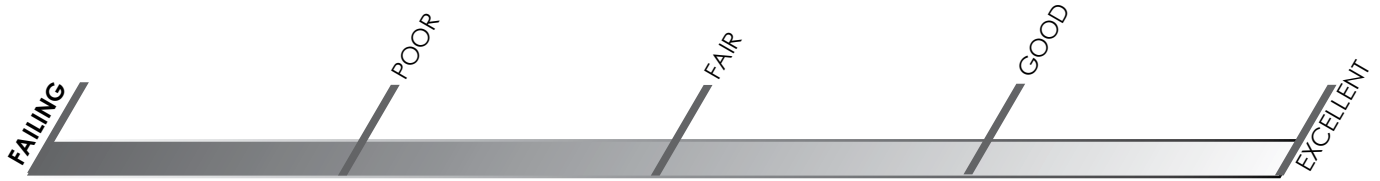
4. What did Muhammad believe happened to him in a cave near Mount Hira?

Muhammad believed that the angel Gabriel visited him in a cave near Mount Hira and revealed the religion, Islam, which he later taught to his followers.

5. Where did Muhammad eventually settle with his followers, and what did he teach about "unbelievers"?

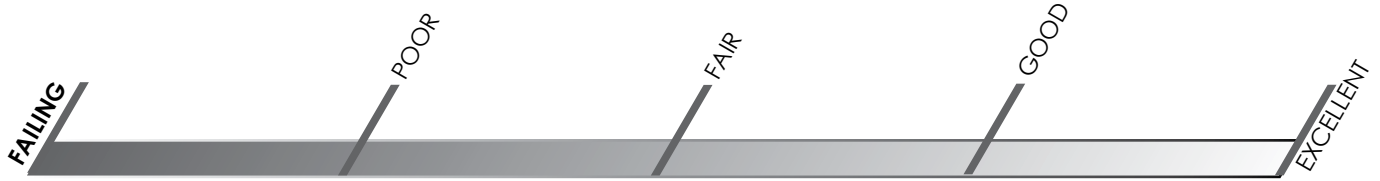
Muhammad preached Islam and won many converts in Medina, where he eventually settled with his followers. He taught that it was right to spread Islam by force of arms and to make war against unbelievers.

1. WHERE WAS MUHAMMAD BORN?



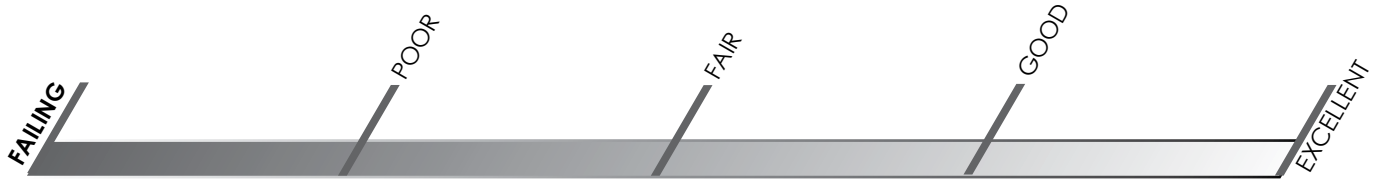
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2. WHAT WAS MUHAMMAD'S CHILDHOOD LIKE?



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3. WHOM DID MUHAMMAD MARRY?



COMMENTS: _____

4. WHAT DID MUHAMMAD BELIEVE HAPPENED TO HIM IN A CAVE NEAR MOUNT HIRA?

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5. WHERE DID MUHAMMAD SETTLE AND WHAT DID HE TEACH ABOUT "UNBELIEVERS"?

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COMMENTS: _____

TRUE OR FALSE?

For each of these statements, write T (for True) or F (for False) in the space provided. This quiz can also be done orally with your student, if you prefer.

 F Muhammad was born in Medina, a city of Arabia.

Muhammad was born in Mecca, a city of Arabia.

 T After his parents died when he was a young child, Muhammad's uncle named Abu Talib took care of him.

 T As a young boy, Muhammad learned the trade of merchants and camel drivers.

 F Muhammad never married.

Muhammad married a rich widow named Khadijah. [NOTE: In fact, he eventually married eleven wives.]

 T Muhammad believed that the angel Gabriel visited him in a cave near Mount Hira and revealed the religion, Islam, which he later taught to his followers.

ORAL QUIZ ON CHARLEMAGNE

The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

The Life of Charlemagne

1. Who was Charlemagne?

Prince Charles, the son of Pepin the Short, was renamed Charlemagne when he was crowned King of the Franks in 768. He was a brilliant soldier and professed to be a devout Christian.

2. What does the name “Charlemagne” mean?

Charles the Great

3. What country and people did Charlemagne rule?

He ruled over the Franks, who lived in present day France.

4. What did Charlemagne want to achieve?

He wanted to create a new Christian empire as big as the Roman Empire had been. He fought for thirty years to increase his empire and forced those he conquered to accept Christianity.

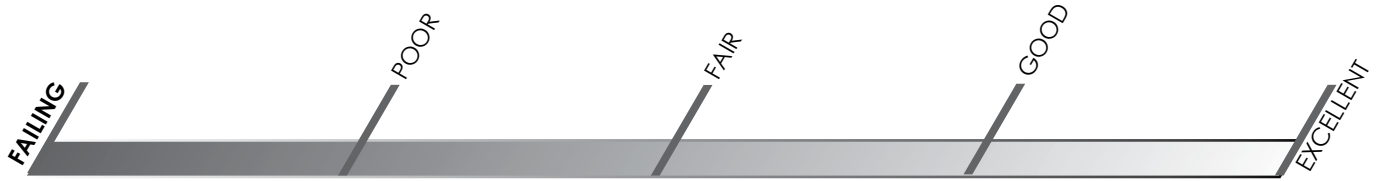
5. When was Charlemagne crowned “Emperor of the Romans”?

Christmas Day, A.D. 800

6. Name some things that Charlemagne accomplished during his reign.

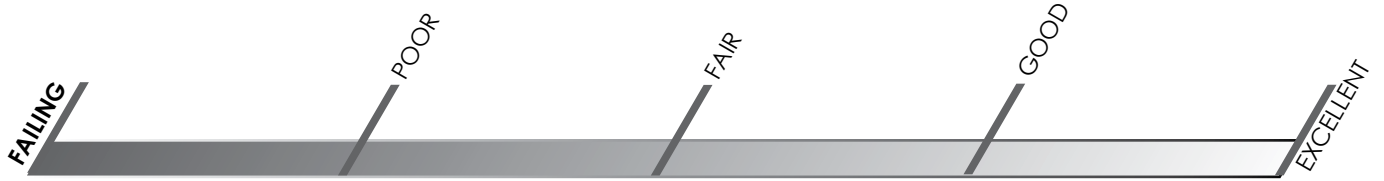
Charlemagne became a great king, both militarily and socially. He commissioned the building of churches and monasteries across his empire. He also encouraged the advancement of culture and learning by bringing artists, craftsmen, and scholars to work at his palace in Aachen.

1. WHO WAS CHARLEMAGNE?



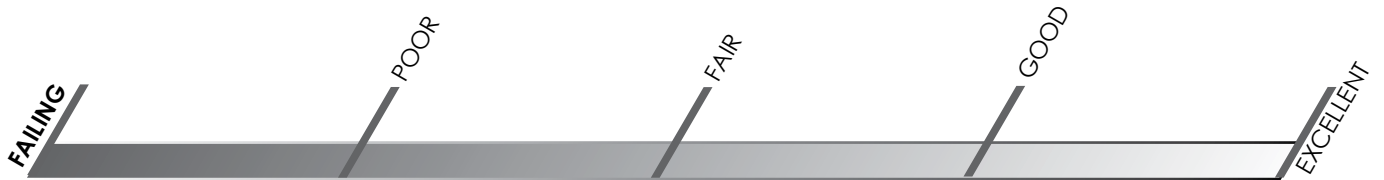
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2. WHAT DOES THE NAME "CHARLEMAGNE" MEAN?



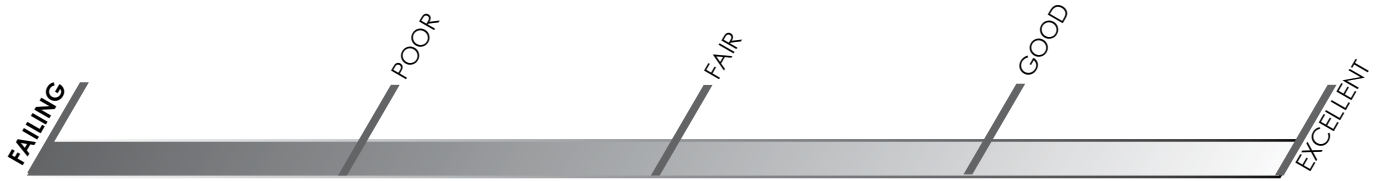
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3. WHAT COUNTRY AND PEOPLE DID CHARLEMAGNE RULE?



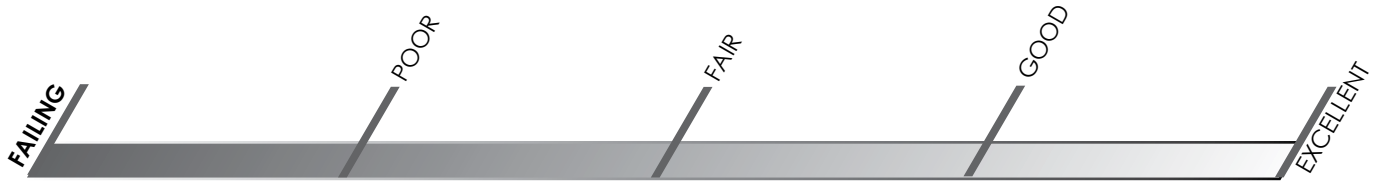
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4. WHAT DID CHARLEMAGNE WANT TO ACHIEVE?



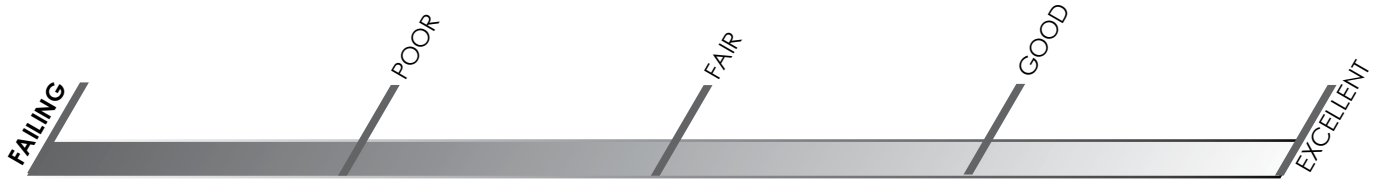
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5. WHEN WAS CHARLEMAGNE CROWNED "EMPEROR OF THE ROMANS"?



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6. NAME SOME THINGS CHARLEMAGNE ACCOMPLISHED DURING HIS REIGN.



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