



Hagia Sophia

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**: previously called Byzantium and now present-day Istanbul (named after Emperor Constantine the Great)

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