

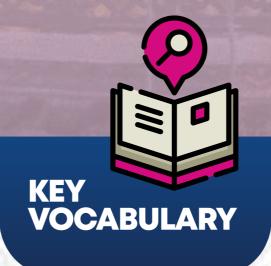






Hagia Sophia

completed: 537 CE



monument

ancient Rome

empire

emperor

Byzantine Empire

Constantinople

mosaic

dome

ornate

icon

a building or place that is important in history

the ancient civilisation connected with Rome

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

the ruler of an empire

the continuation of the Roman Empire, centred around the city of Constantinople (also known as the **Eastern Roman Empire**)

the capital city of the Byzantine Empire: previously called Byzantium and now present-day Istanbul (named after Emperor Constantine the Great)

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

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

elaborately decorated

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



Justinian I and Theodora

> mosaics in Ravenna, Italy

completed: 548 CE