

# CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

## Constantine – Part One

### Lesson 18

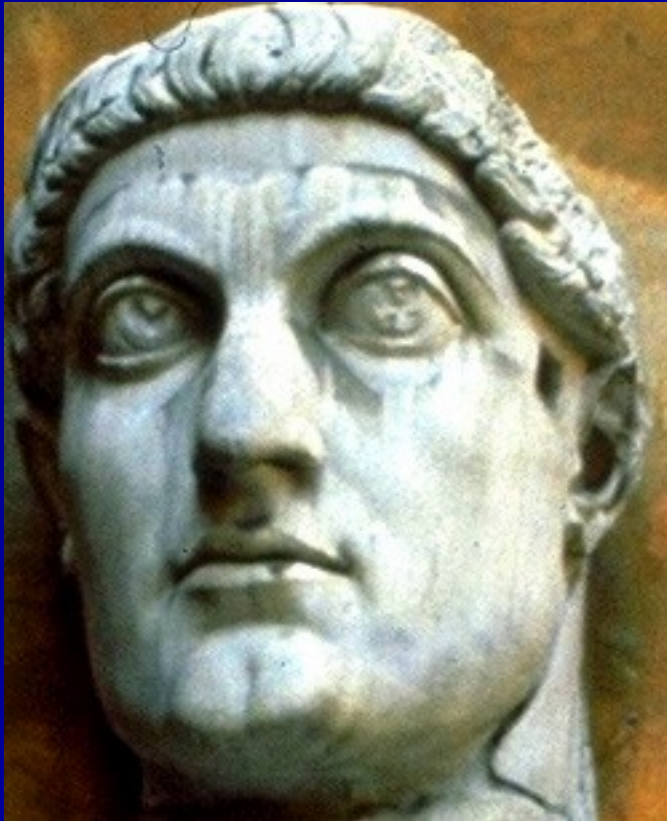
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# Constantine the Great



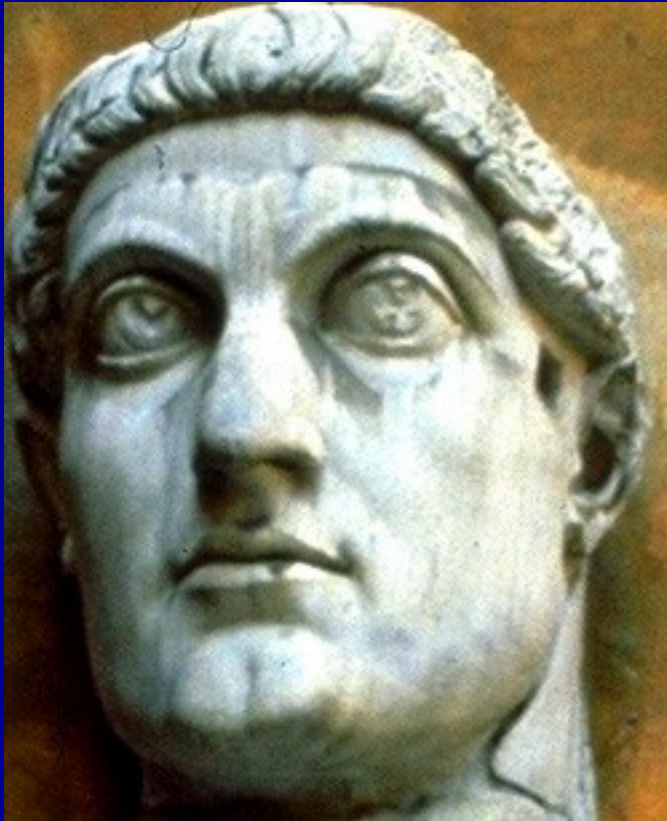
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“No ruler in all of history  
has ever more fully  
merited his title of ‘the  
Great’ than  
Constantine.”

Lord John Norwich

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The fourth most  
influential man in  
human history behind  
Christ, the Buddha and  
Mohammed

Lord John Norwich



# Made Constantinople Capital







Made Christianity the state religion



# Julian Line





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A thick blue L-shaped line graphic. It consists of a vertical bar on the left and a horizontal bar on top, meeting at a right angle. The horizontal bar contains the text "Julius Caesar".

Julius Caesar

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31 BC - 14 AD

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“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.”  
Lk 2:1



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“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar -- when Pontus Pilate was governor of Judea... He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” Lk 3:1

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“There he met a Jew named Aquila ... who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome.” Acts 18:2

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Domitian  
81 - 96 AD

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Jr. Caesar  
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Western Empire



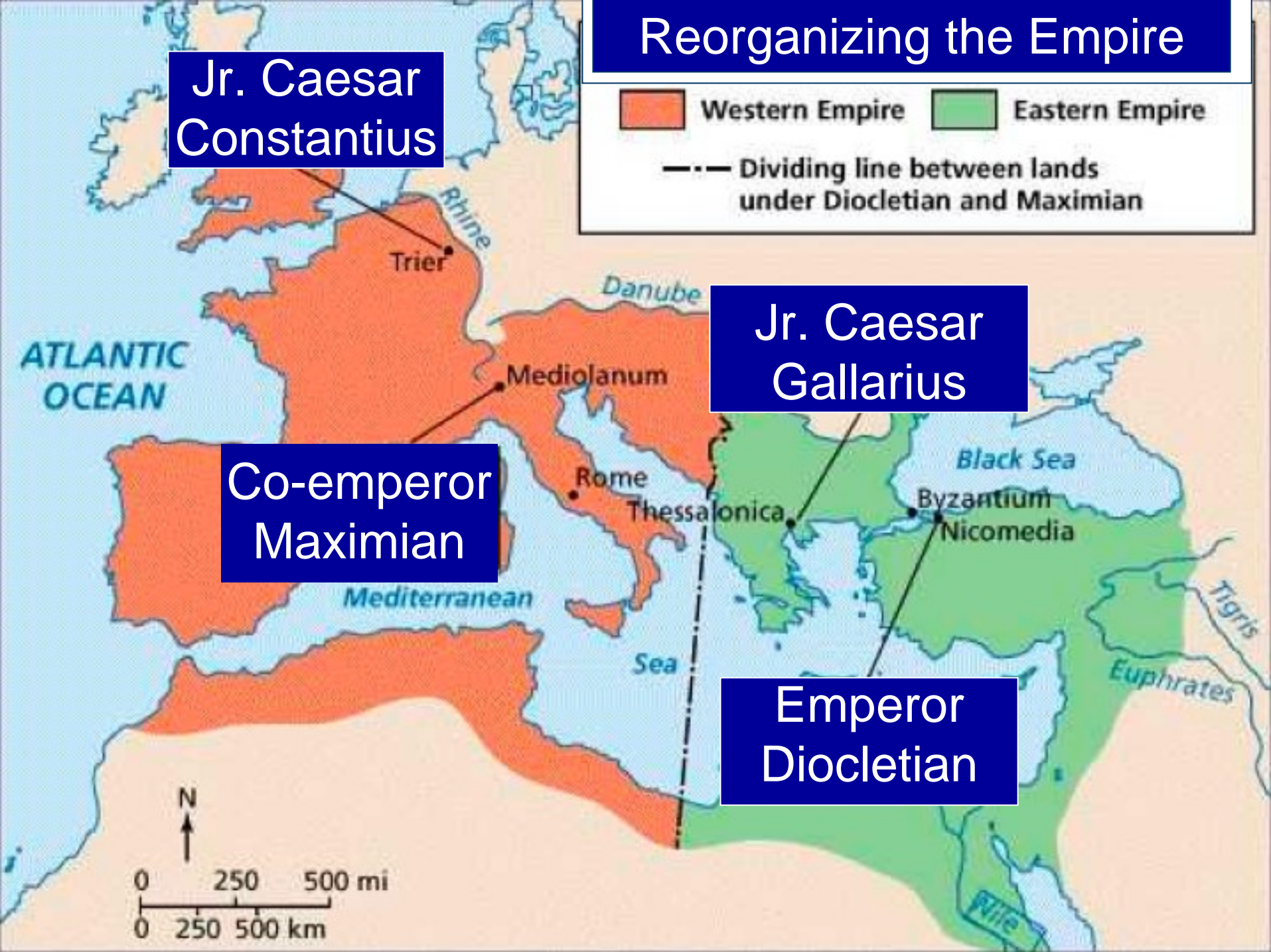
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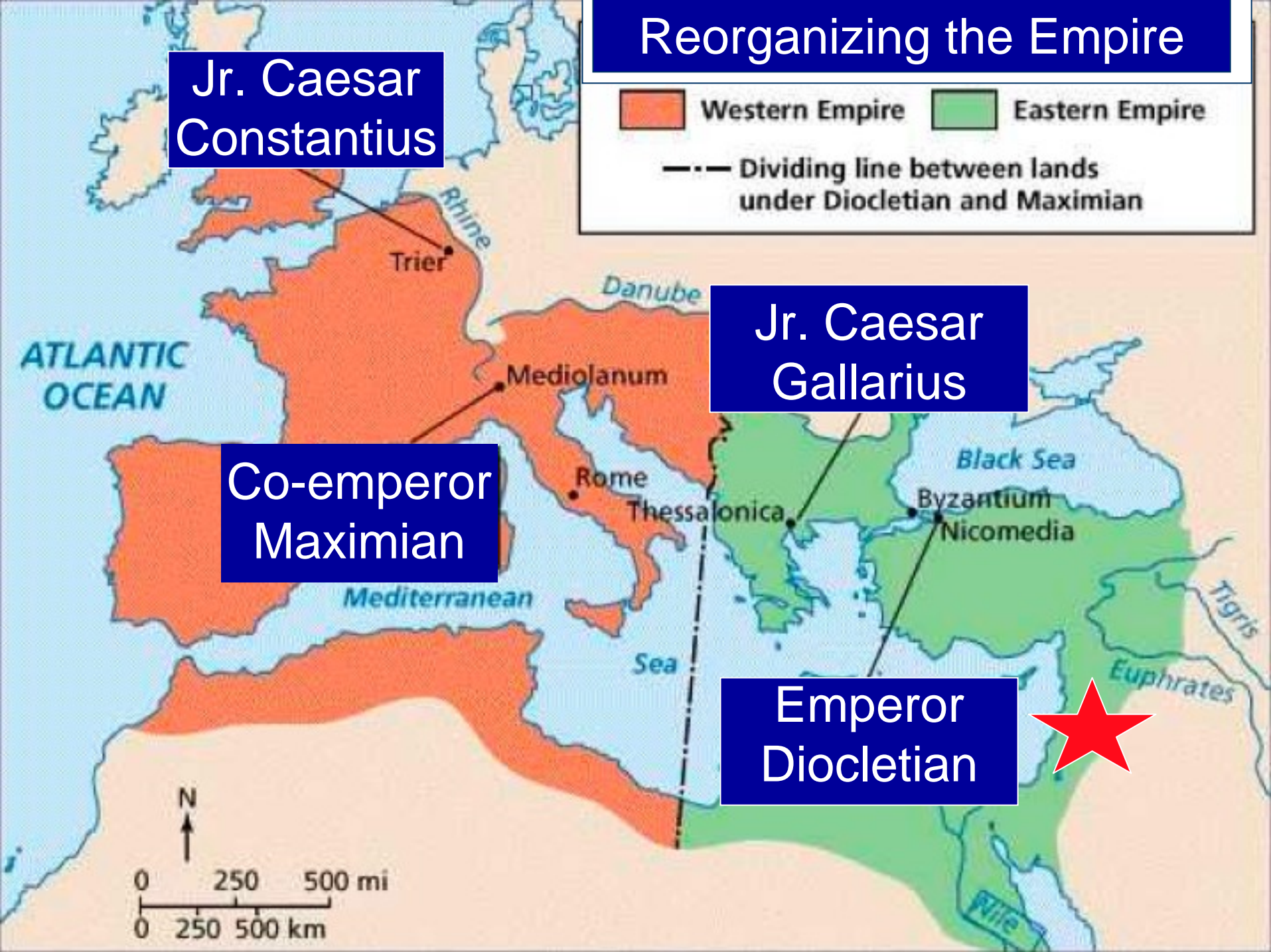
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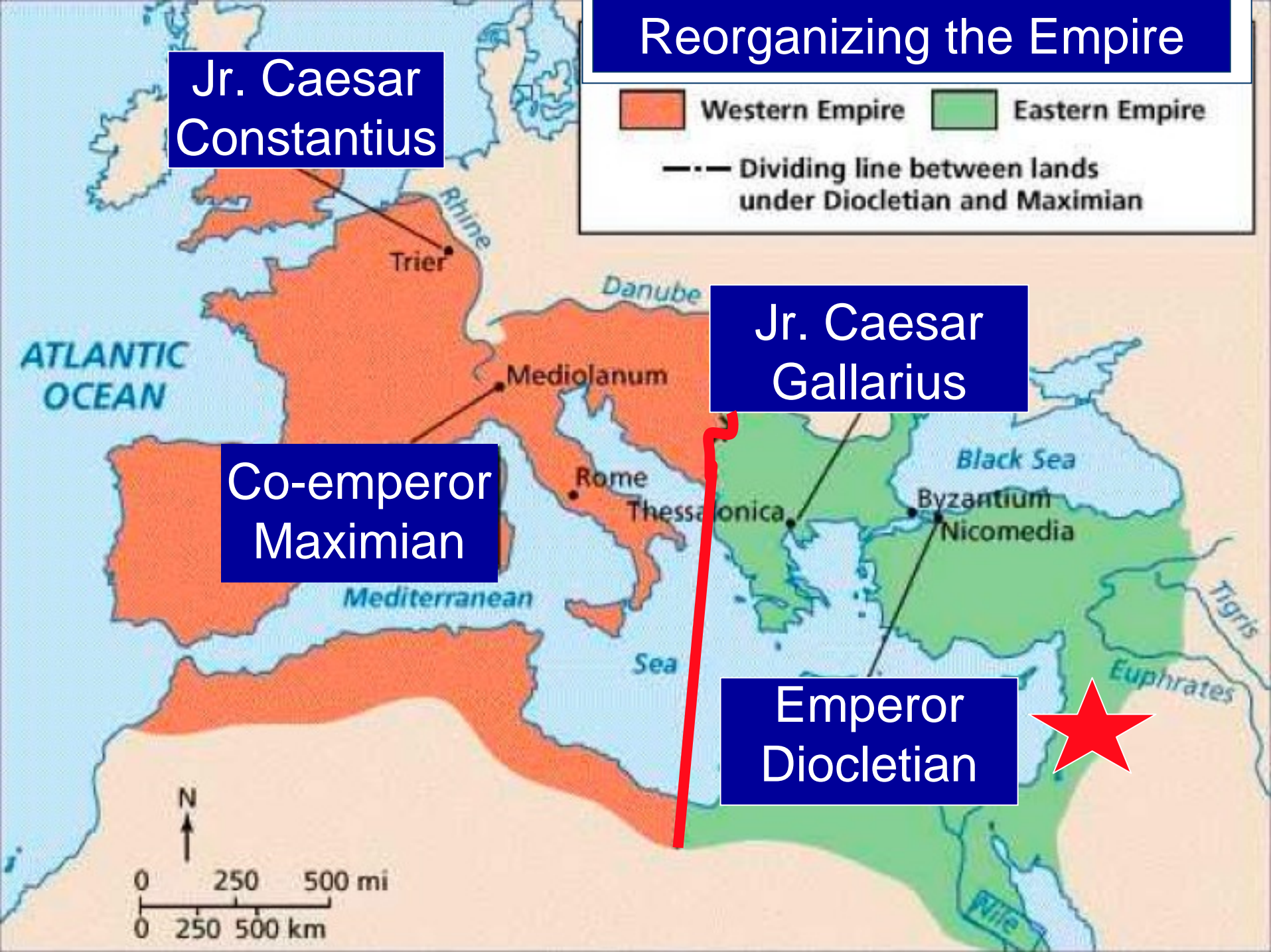
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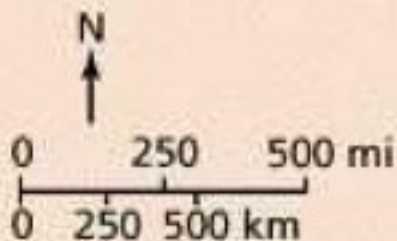
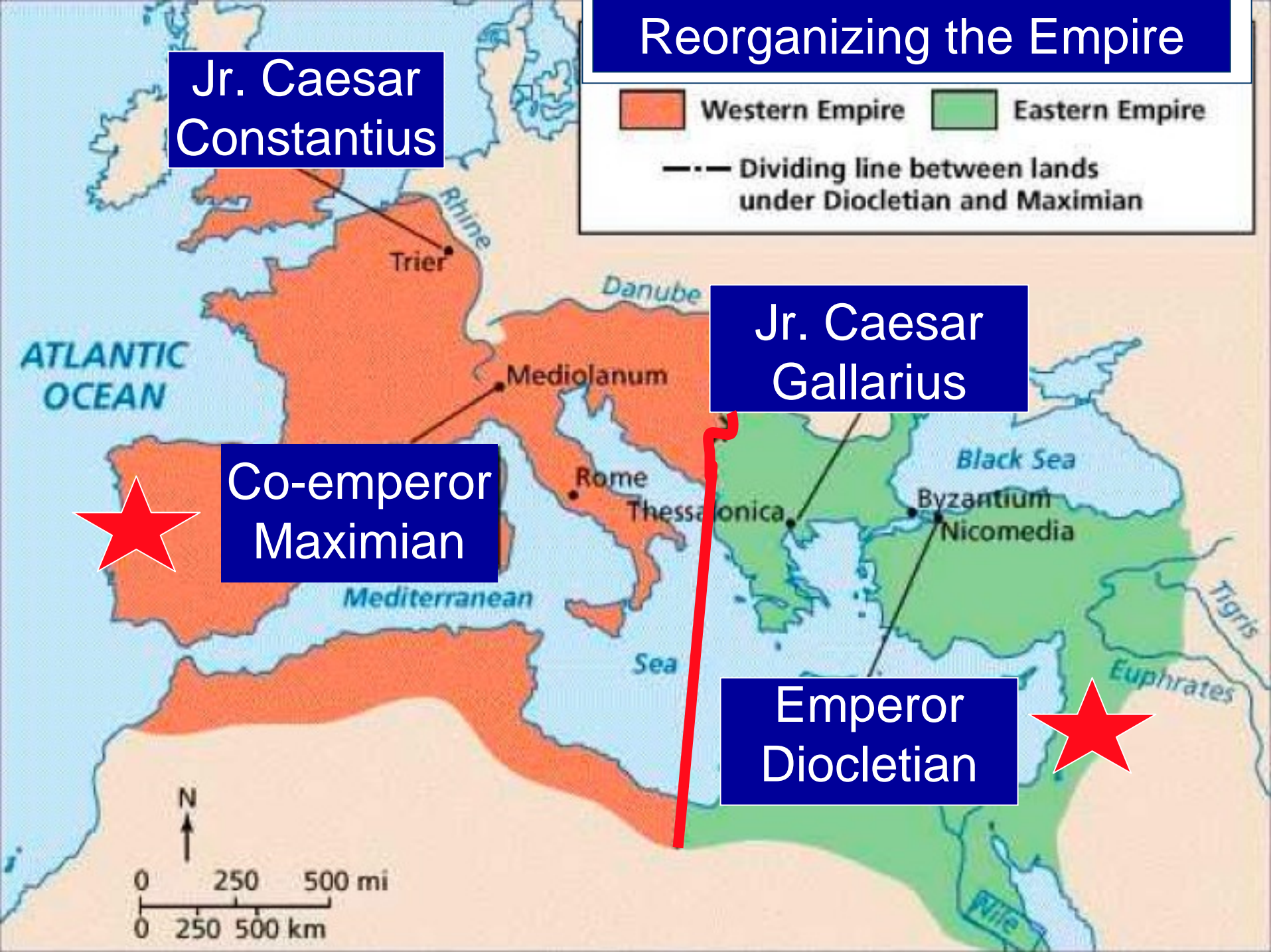
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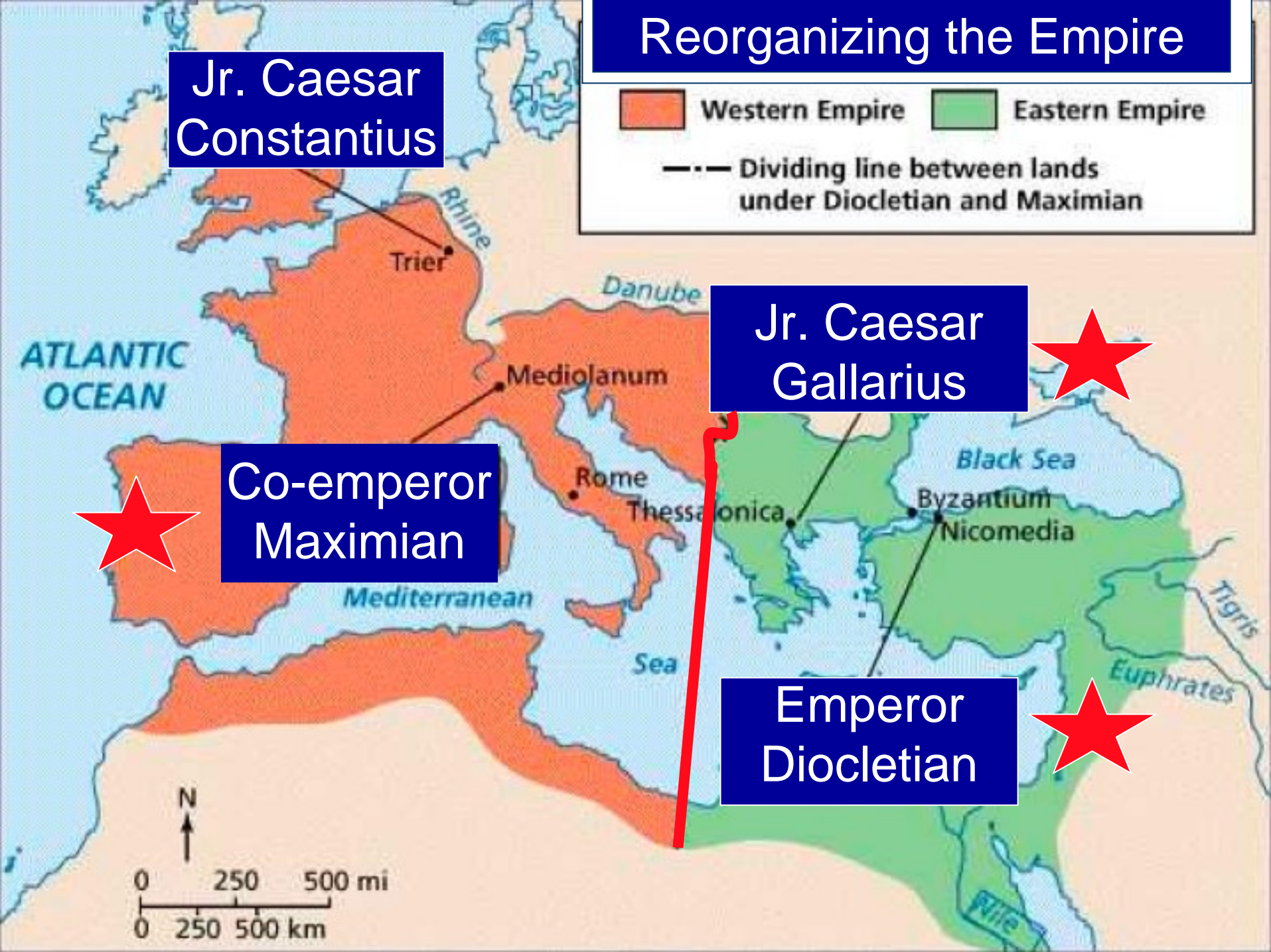
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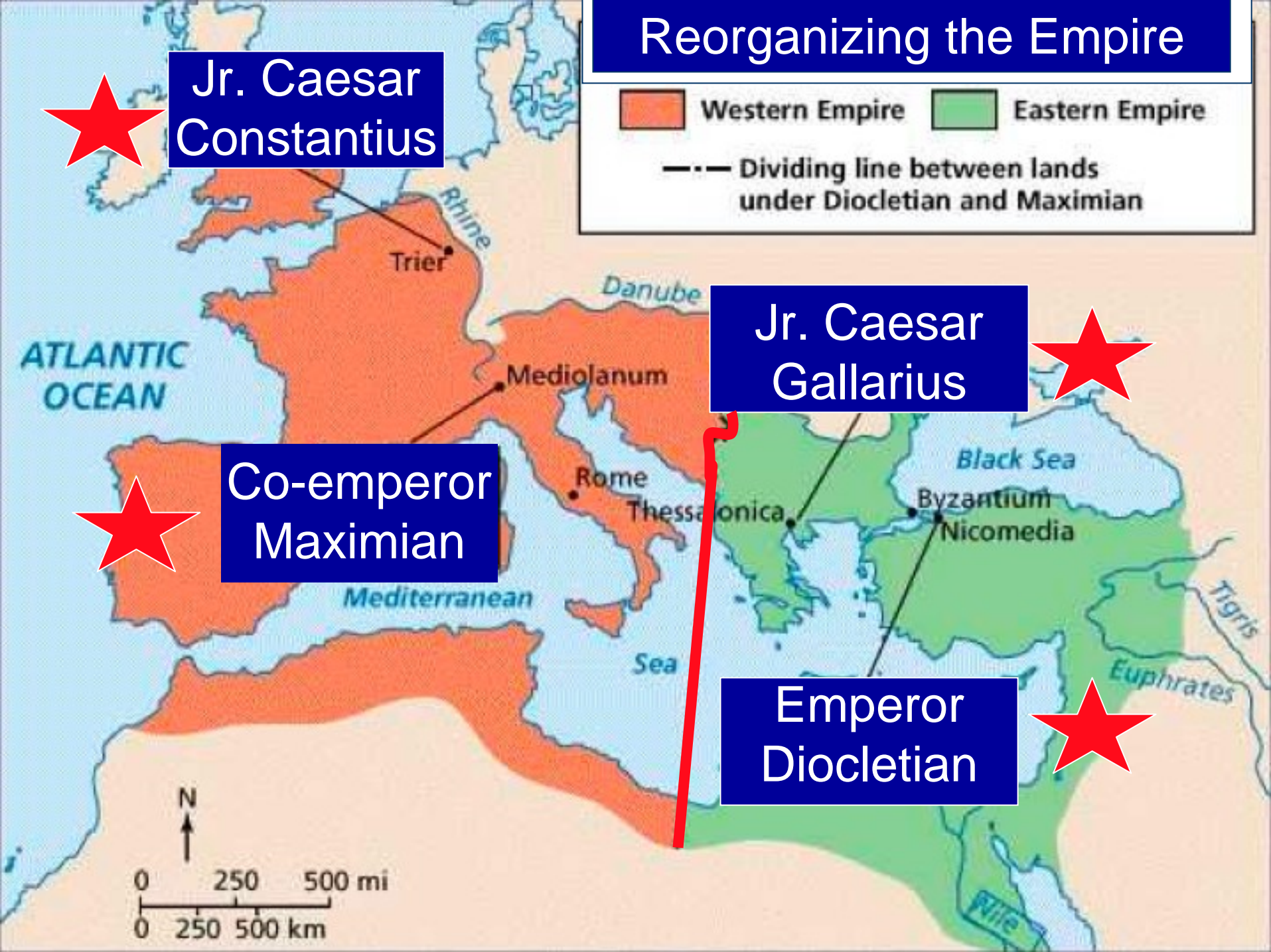
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# Dealing with the church

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Arrest Bishops

# Dealing with the church



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Destroy  
Churches



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Burn Scriptures



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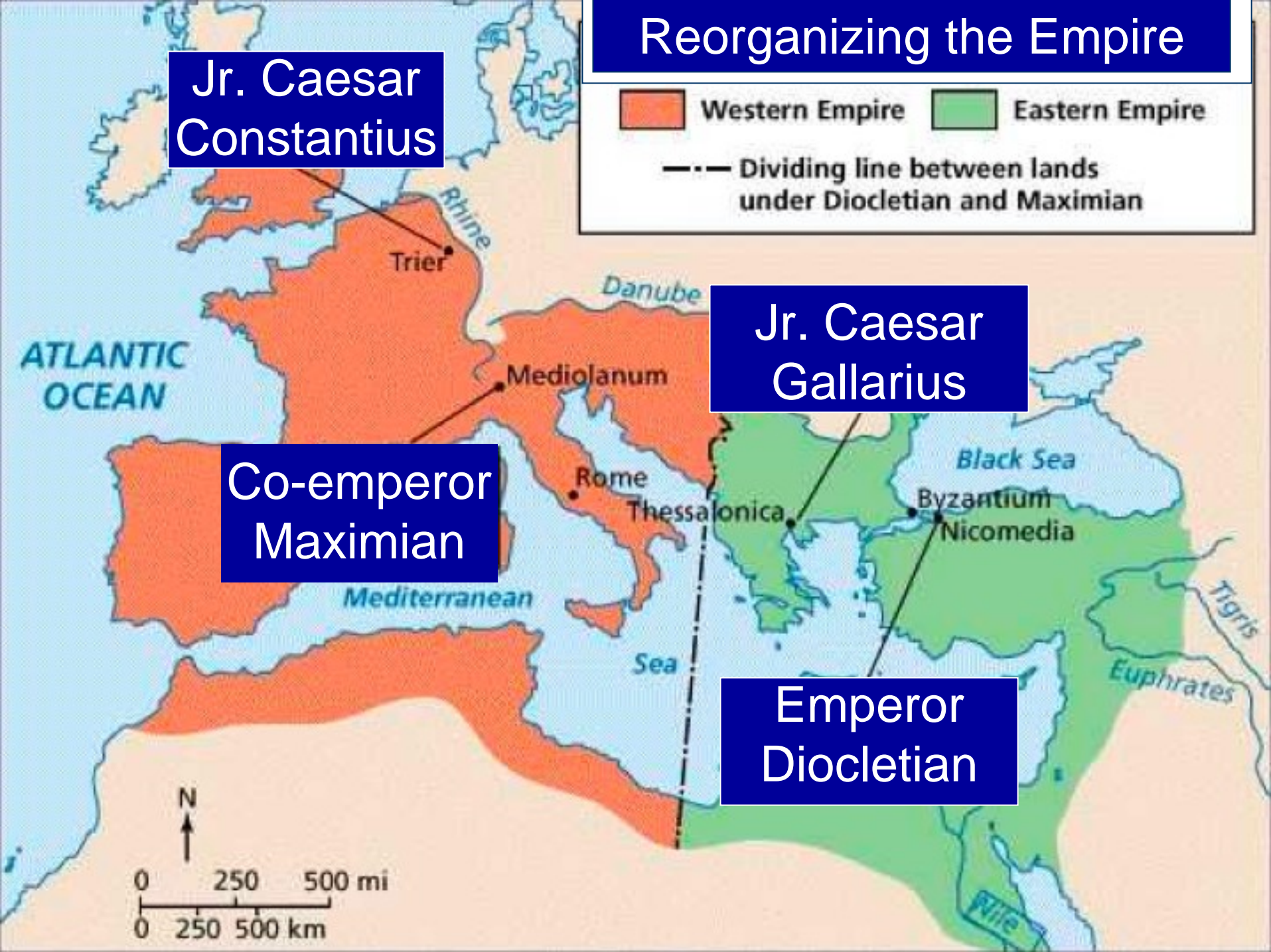
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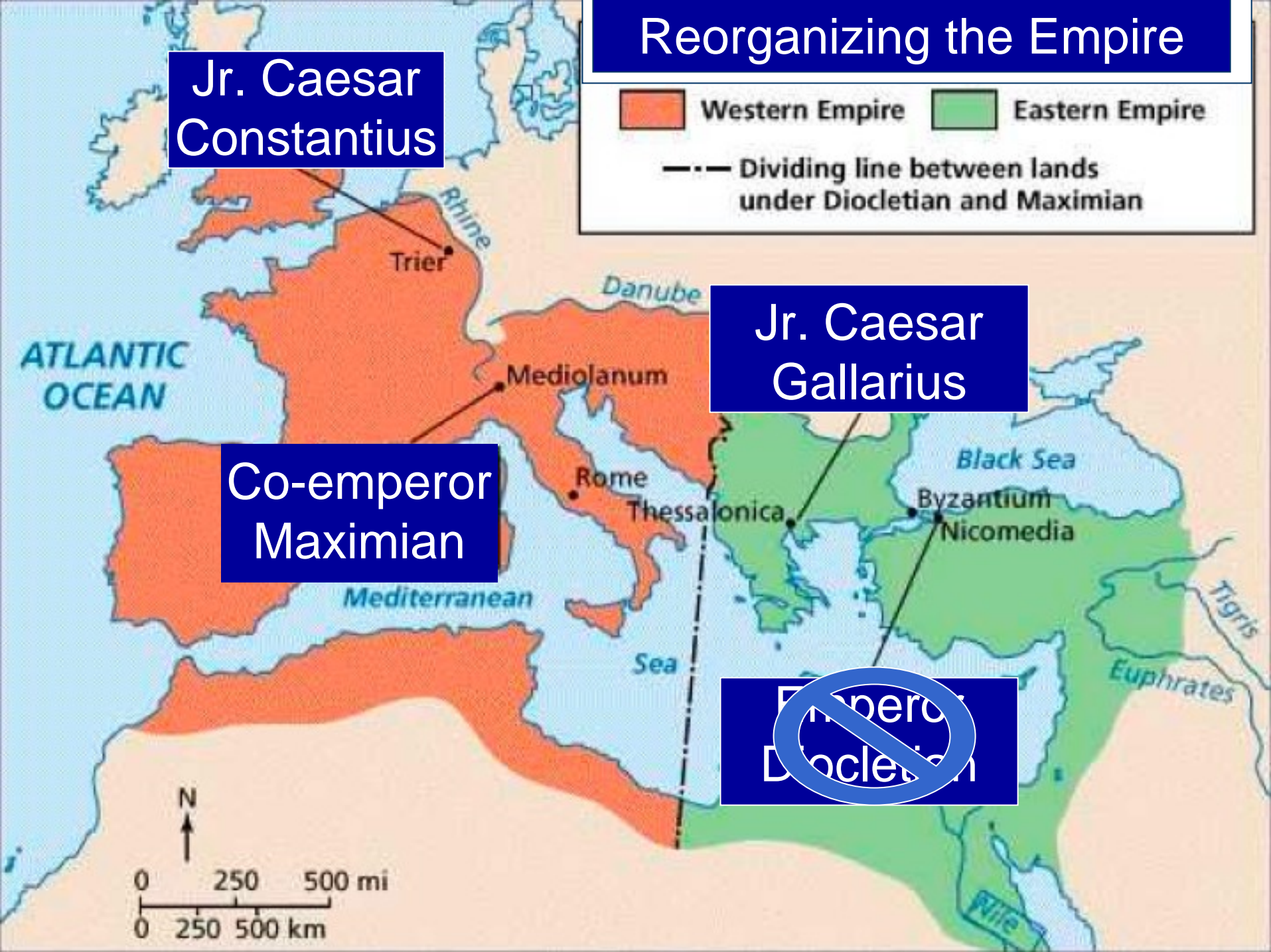
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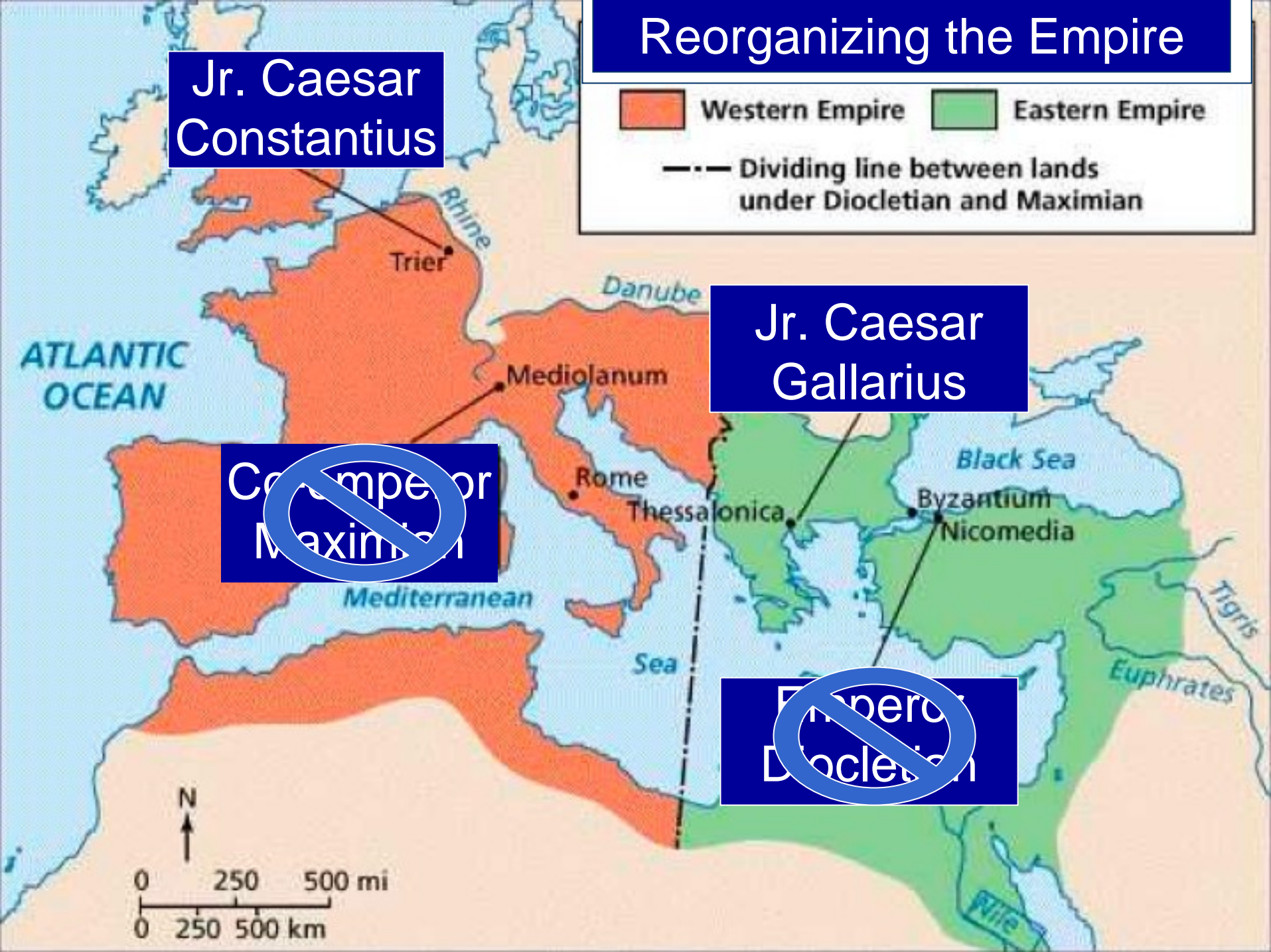
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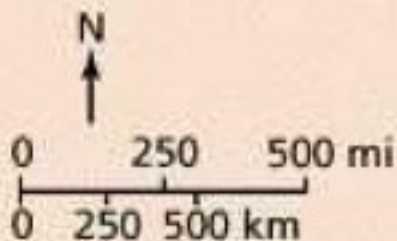
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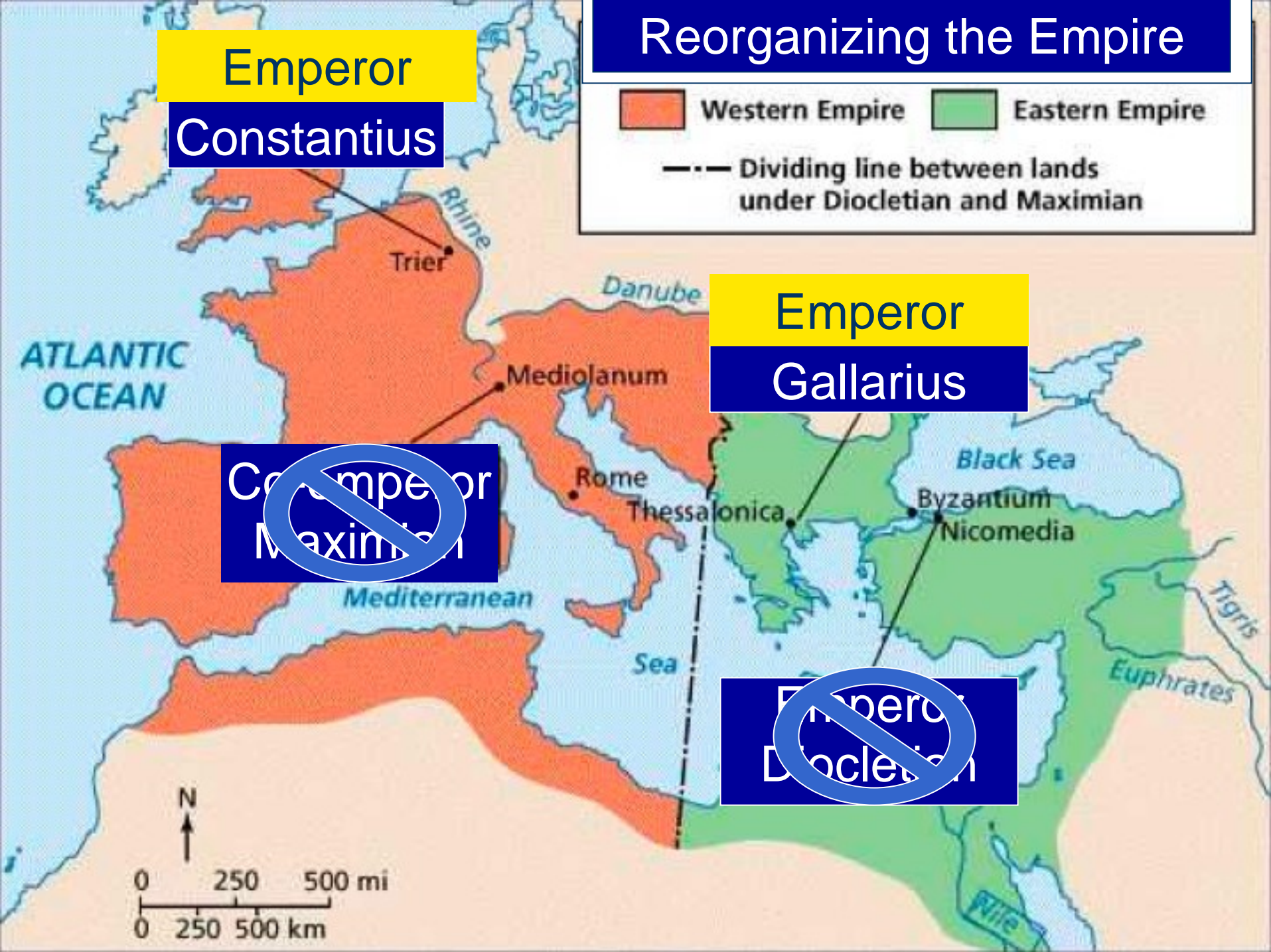
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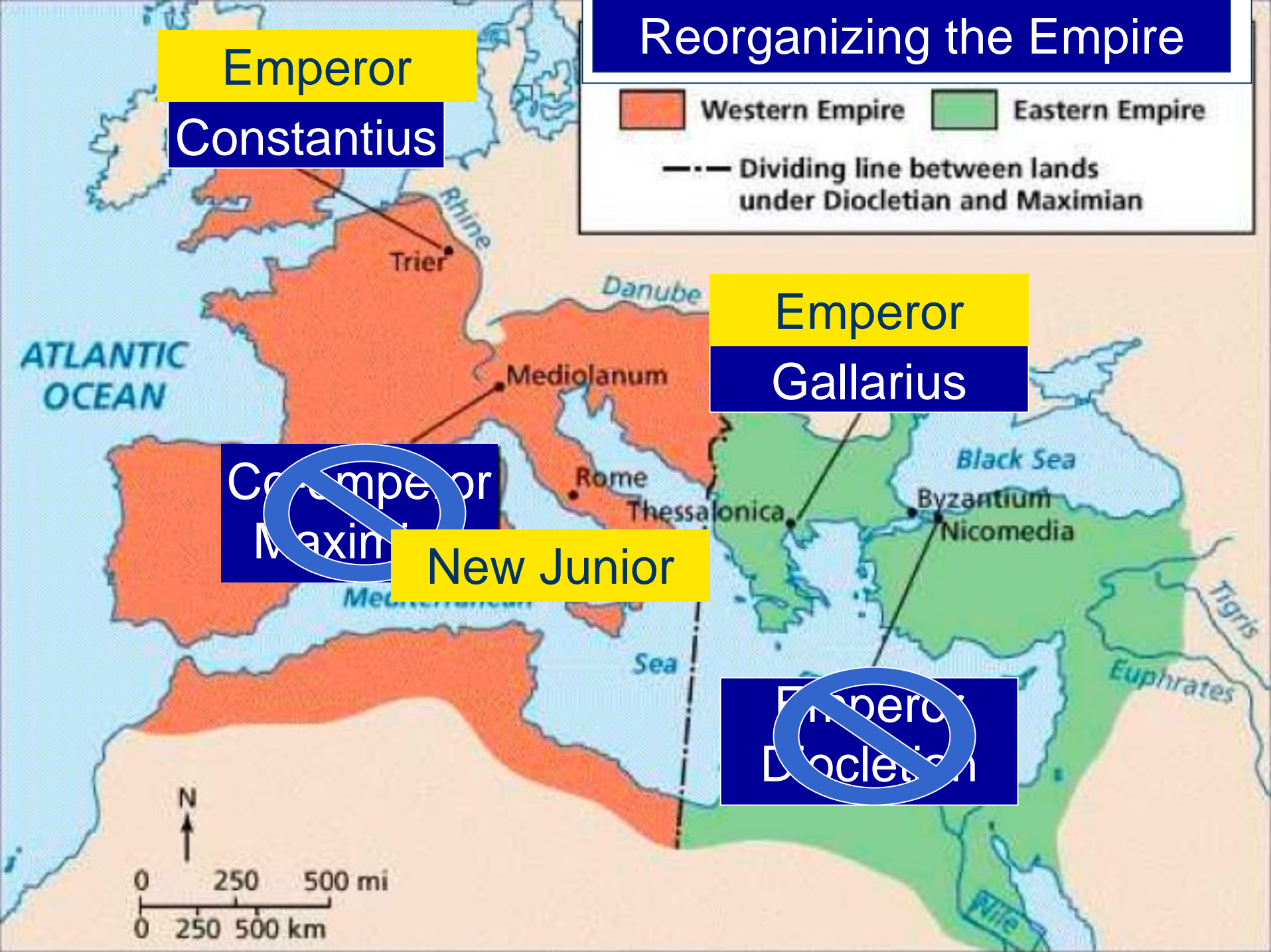
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OCEAN

Trier

Rhine

Danube

Mediolanum

Rome

Thessalonica

Black Sea

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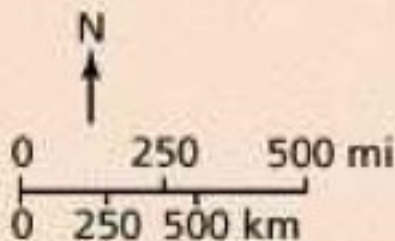
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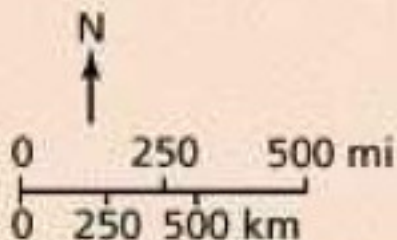
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# Milvian Bridge 312 AD



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Constantine conquers Rome





Constantine gives the Lateran Palace And builds the basilica



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# 313 Edict of Milan

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BOTH TO THE CHRISTIANS  
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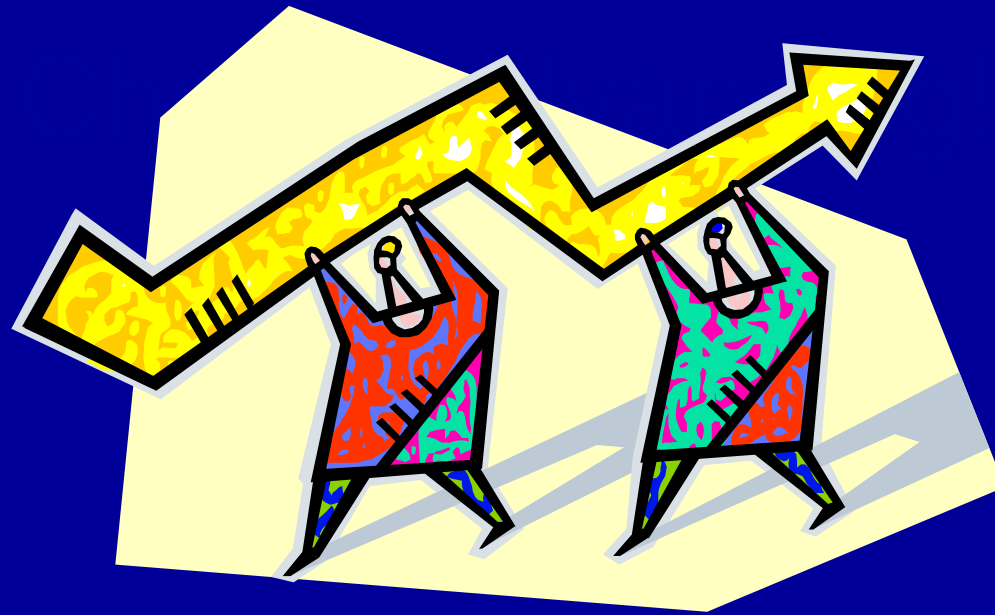
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What do we  
do with  
these guys?



Going up with Christ!



Canceled  
Sunday  
Commerce

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