

Reading Skill and Strategy

Reading Skill: Understanding Cause and Effect

A **cause** is an action in history that makes something happen. An **effect** is the historical event that is the result of the cause. A single event may have several causes. It is also possible for one cause to result in several effects. Historians identify cause-and-effect relationships to help them understand why historical events took place. List at least one cause and effect surrounding the split in Christianity.

Causes	Effects

READING STRATEGY: QUESTIONS

1. Read “Justinian Builds a New Rome.” Then determine at least one effect that Justinian’s devotion to Christianity had on Constantinople.

2. What was the effect of the debate between East and West over the use of icons?
