

## Remembering the past

**Task A. Listen to the lecture and take notes on a separate piece of paper. Then choose the correct answer.**

1. Where did Ferdinand Magellan die?
  - A. Portugal
  - B. The Philippines
  - C. North Carolina
  - D. Australia
  
2. Which of the following is CORRECT about Vasco de Gama?
  - A. He was a relative of Magellan.
  - B. He was in fact a Filipino.
  - C. He led the first ship from Europe to India.
  - D. He died in 1460.
  
3. What happened in 1584?
  - A. Vasco da Gama founded the British Empire.
  - B. Captain James Cook was born.
  - C. Sir Walter Raleigh founded the first English colony in America.
  - D. Ferdinand Magellan ruled Portugal.
  
4. Who claimed Australia as part of the British Empire?
  - A. Captain James Cook
  - B. Walter Raleigh
  - C. Vasco da Gama
  - D. Ferdinand Magellan

**Task B. Listen to the lecture and take notes on a separate piece of paper. Then choose the correct answer.**

5. Which of the following was TRUE about the Byzantine Empire?
  - A. It fell in A.D. 476.
  - B. It came after the Roman Empire.
  - C. It was an ancient empire in Egypt.
  - D. It was a well-known empire in the history.
  
6. What was the former name of the capital city of Turkey?
  - A. Constantinople
  - B. Constantine
  - C. Istanbul
  - D. Ottoman
  
7. How has the population of Istanbul grown since Constantine's time?
  - A. from 10 million to 330 million
  - B. from 476 to 30,000

- C. from 30,000 to 10 million                      D. from 1,453 to 30 million
8. Who moved the capital of the Roman Empire from Rome to Constantinople and when?
- A. Emperor Ottoman in 1453
  - B. the emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire on May 29th
  - C. Emperor Byzantine in A.D. 476
  - D. Emperor Constantine in A.D. 330

**ANSWER KEY**

**Task 1.**

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| A. 1. B | 2. C | 3. C | 4. A |
| B. 5. B | 6. A | 7. C | 8. D |

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**Task A.**

Throughout the centuries, explorers have played an important role in the formation of empires. After all, without explorers, rulers such as Kings and Queens, Emperors and Empresses, wouldn't have known there were places beyond the borders of their own countries to conquer. Today we'll be introducing some famous European explorers. Ferdinand Magellan was a Portuguese explorer who led the first expedition to sail around the world. Unfortunately, he didn't live to see the ships return home as he died in 1521 in the Philippines. Vasco da Gama was another Portuguese explorer who was born in about 1460. He was the commander of the first ships to sail directly from Europe to India where he died in 1524. Sir Walter Raleigh was an English explorer who lived during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. He was responsible for founding the first English colony in America in 1584, in present-day North Carolina. Captain James Cook was also an English explorer. He claimed Australia as part of the British Empire when he landed there in 1770. He lived between 1728 and 1779.

**Task B.**

Most people have heard of the Roman Empire, which ruled large parts of Europe until its fall in A.D. 476. But not many people have heard of the Byzantine Empire which is what came next. The Byzantine Empire was a Greek-speaking empire centred around the city of Constantinople. Today this city is known as Istanbul, which is the capital of Turkey. It has a population of more than 10 million people. Everyone agrees that the Byzantine Empire ended on May 29, 1453 when the Ottoman Empire captured Constantinople. But there is a lot of disagreement about when the Byzantine Empire started. This is because its roots are in the Eastern Roman Empire. Some people claim that it began when the Roman Emperor Constantine moved the capital of Rome to Constantinople in A.D. 330. Around 30,000 people lived in the city at this time. These people claim that Constantine was the first Byzantine Emperor.