Study the two maps below. The first map shows the size of the Roman Empire at its height, with the Roman Empire being the dark grey, shaded region. The second map shows the size of the Byzantine Empire, first in 526 (lighter grey) and then in 565 after the Emperor Justinian re-conquered certain areas.

1) With a highlighter, shade in the areas on the second map that were part of the original Roman Empire. These would be the dark grey areas on the first map that are NOT shaded at all on the second map. Note that the first map on the left is on a smaller scale than the map on the right, so use landmarks (like the “boot” of Italy, the Red Sea, and the Black Sea) to figure out where borders were.

2) The Byzantine Empire is what we now call the eastern half of the Roman Empire that continued to exist after the fall of the larger Roman Empire. In your own words, describe in writing the differences between the Roman and Byzantine Empires with respect to WHAT land and HOW MUCH land was controlled by each.