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QUESTION

1. How did Constantine defeat every rival and expand his power?
2. What was one of Constantine's other roles while he remained in his role as emperor?
3. How did Constantine's conversion impact Christianity for the better?
4. What mark did Constantine leave on Christian worship?
5. What was the influence of Eusebius?

ANSWERS

1. Constantine defeated every rival and expanded his power through a series of wars and maneuvers.
2. Constantine retained the title of High Priest of the traditional pagan religion.
3. After Constantine's conversion, the church began to grow in prestige and power.
4. Constantine built Constantinople, where several churches were erected with his support and that of his successors.
5. It is through the influence of Eusebius that to this day many believe that the persecutions were mostly due to a grave misunderstanding of the church and its faith on the part of the empire.

TERMS

Conversion- Referring to the long process whereby Emperor Constantine was paralleling the route that eventually took him to absolute power over the entire Empire

Ascetism- The devoted life of renunciation and contemplation.

Homoousias- Of the same substance.

SUMMARY

When Emperor Constantine became a Christian, things changed radically. The policies that he left, along with those of his successors would leave their mark on Christianity. In his time there was a controversy around Arianism. Due to this controversy, Constantine called for a meeting of Christian bishops that would later produce the Nicene Creed.