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Assignment 3

1. Venetians felt that they were “different” and were very proud of their accomplishments in building a city in the middle of the lagoon. Briefly explain how they solved the problems of building on the sea.

Venice is a unique city built on a lagoon, and the Venetians were very proud of their accomplishment in creating a thriving urban center in the middle of the sea. The Venetians faced several challenges in building on the sea, but they developed innovative solutions that allowed them to create a stable, functioning city.

One of the main challenges the Venetians faced was the problem of building foundations on a soft and shifting seabed. To overcome this, they came up with the ingenious solution of driving wooden piles deep into the lagoon floor to create a stable foundation for their buildings. The piles were made from larch wood, which is particularly durable and resistant to decay, and were driven deep into the sand and mud of the lagoon until they hit solid ground.

Another challenge the Venetians faced was the problem of protecting their city from the sea. To solve this, they built a series of canals and waterways that crisscrossed the city, allowing water to flow freely through the streets and preventing flooding. They also built a system of floodgates, which could be raised during high tides to prevent water from entering the city.

The Venetians were also expert shipbuilders and developed a sophisticated system of ports that allowed them to navigate the lagoon and beyond.

2. Venetians now both need and dislike tourism. Seeing what is happening in the city, how do you suppose the Venetians feel about tourism today?

I think that the relationship between Venetians and tourism is complex and often with tension. On the one hand, tourism has been an important part of Venice's economy for centuries, and many Venetians rely on the tourism industry for their livelihoods. On the other hand, the city's popularity as a tourist destination has led to overcrowding, environmental degradation, and other problems that many Venetians feel have negatively impacted their quality of life.

Today, it is likely that many Venetians have mixed feelings about tourism. While they recognize the economic benefits that tourism brings to the city, they are also frustrated by the high numbers of visitors who flight from far places to Venice each year, often overwhelming the city's

infrastructure and putting a strain on its natural resources.