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Fine Arts And Global Literature II In The City Of Venice

Instructions

Please answer the following questions in Dropbox 1:

Assignment 1, due February 1: Venezianità: “The Otherness of the Venetians.” Read the first lecture, the text, and answer the following questions in the Dropbox:

1. Why was Venice founded?

The Venetians were seeking to find shelter from the barbarian invasions, so they founded Venice in the lagoon which is composed of many islands.

2. How did the first settlers in the Venetian lagoon organize themselves (who were their leaders?) They were governed by the Great Council and the Great Council was composed of the most powerful or authoritative families of Venice.

3. Venice was supposed to have been founded on March 25—the Annunciation. Why do you think the association of the Feast of the Annunciation and the founding of Venice would have been significant to the Venetian people?

I think that the announcement of Angel Gabriel to Mary promising a child was something that gave them hope for God's future promises for their lives.

4. Summarize the importance of the early Byzantine connections (at Constantinople, which included both the Church and the State there) to Venetian artists and architects.

The Italians kept a strong link with Byzantine by trading arts like: large illustrated bibles, Exultet rolls and liturgical scrolls containing texts of the celebration of Easter. Small illustrations in the bibles that are related to contemporary wall paintings.

