Strategic Value of Constantinople

In this activity, you will visit the three websites in the Media section of 6.1 – The Byzantine Empire and read the information / watch the video to gather information about the city of Constantinople. After you have done this, you will answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Finally, on the same sheet of paper, you will write a 5-sentence summary about the strategic value of the city of Constantinople.

1. Describe the Theodosian Land Walls
2. What were the natural advantages of Constantinople?
3. What were the weaknesses of the land walls?
4. How did the Byzantines make sure Constantinople could withstand sieges?
5. What would happen when the Byzantines launched clay pots over their walls at invading armies?
6. How did the Ottoman Turks eventually successfully invade the city?