**Guided Reading Exercise**

**Chapter 7: The Transformation of the Roman Empire, 284–600 C.E.**

**What were the most important sources of unity and of division in the Roman Empire from the reign of Diocletian to the reign of Justinian, and why?**

*Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying*. As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to define the political, social, religious, and cultural changes in the later Roman Empire from the third century through the sixth century C.E. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if, however, you are able to describe the changes in your own words, you should do so.

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| Era | Sources of unity | Sources of division |
| From Principate to Dominate in the Late Roman Empire, 284–395 |  |  |
| The Official Christianization of the Roman Empire, 312–c. 540 |  |  |
| Non-Roman Kingdoms in the Western Roman Empire, c. 370–550s |  |  |
| The Roman Empire in the East, c. 500–565 |  |  |