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How did the loss of one city change the history of Europe? In the Middle Ages, Constantinople's perfect geographic location--positioned along a land trade route between Europe and Asia as well as on a strategic seaway from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean-- made the city extremely desirable, and as a result, prone to attack. Under the control of the Roman and Byzantine Empires, Constantinople became known as "the Eye of the World," a center of government, trade, art, religion, and learning, and was even more desirable. Rulers built three sets of walls to protect Constantinople from attacks by Asiatic tribes. But the city's fall to the Turkish Ottomans in 1453 marked the official end of the Byzantine Empire--and the end of the Middle Ages. Learn how the fall of Constantinople became one of history's most pivotal moments.

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