The Roman emperor Constantine built the city of Constantinople to be the new imperial capital. Superbly designed for defense in time of war, the city also boasted impressive churches and government buildings. Use the map below to answer the questions that follow.

1. On which continent is Constantinople located?

2. Asia Minor is which direction of Constantinople (east, west, north or south)?

3. a. Name the body of water that separates Europe and Asia.

   b. What sea does it connect to?

4. What body of water separates the two sections of Constantinople?

5. At which edge of the city are most of the buildings clustered?

6. Critical Thinking: Explain why Constantinople was a difficult city to conquer. Write your answer using 2-4 complete sentences.