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The Hagia Sophia by Procopius
Questions

After you have read the primary source "The Hagia Sophia" by Procopius, answer the following questions.

Critical Thinking

1. What tone of voice does Procopius use to describe the building of the Hagia Sophia by Justinian?

2. Procopius uses very descriptive language in his writing about the Hagia Sophia. How would you describe the Hagia Sophia in your own words?

Furthering Your Knowledge

3. Find a photograph of the Hagia Sophia. Do you think that Procopius accurately depicted the church in his account? Why or why not?

4. Research a bit about the Hagia Sophia. Who designed it and how much did it cost to build? What are its dimensions and what construction materials were used? If this were to be built today, what, if anything do you think might have been done differently?