Viewing Guide: Ancient Rome; Rise and Fall of an Empire; Constantine

Note: This film does not show Roman battle tactics accurately. It does not show the use of heavy weapons and it fails to show the organized tactics of Roman battle formations.

1. What was Constantine’s relationship like with Diocletian? What does Diocletian believe unity comes from?
2. Was Constantine a Christian at the time he marched on Rome?
3. Something happened as Constantine marched on Rome. How did Constantine interpret this dramatic event? What did he order his men to do as a result?
4. Where did the battle take place that determined the future of Rome?
5. How did Constantine’s victory change the position of Christians in the empire?
6. How were marriages used as a tool in forming alliances?
7. What did the Edict of Milan grant Christians?
8. How did Constantine anger followers of traditional religion in Rome?
9. What did the Church leaders agree to at the Council of Nicea?
10. Did the film-maker believe that Constantine really believed in the teachings of Christianity? Explain.