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# **Content Check**

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## Teacher Key

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Carbon dating

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The trash system suggests the Byzantine civilization was very sophisticated.

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Answers will vary. They would probably make different claims because they focus on different aspects of a civilization. An economist might claim that the civilization was wealthy while a paleobotanist might try to figure out the materials used to make the items.