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***Aim: How did political, social, economic, militaristic, and religious factors lead to the decline and fall of the Western Roman Empire?***



**Do Now:** Recall and describe the cultural values and achievements of the Roman Empire.

**Christianity**

1. How did the Emperor Constantine contribute to the spread of Christianity in Rome?
2. How did the Edict of Milan contribute to the spread of Christianity in Rome?
3. Identify three things Christianity “offered” Romans. Why were these things appealing to Romans?
4. Why do you think Roman rulers before Constantine tried to stop the spread of Christianity in Rome?

**The Economy**

1. Summarize the causes and effects of Rome’s economic problems.
2. Describe the causes and effects of Rome’s problems with agriculture?
3. What is inflation? What effect did it have on the Roman economy?

### **Military and Political Weakness**

1. Explain how the Roman Legion [military] was in disarray. How did this go against Roman cultural values?
2. Describe why mercenaries were less loyal to Rome than Roman soldiers.
3. Explain how the changes in how Romans viewed their civic responsibilities went against traditional Roman culture.
4. Diocletian's actions preserved Rome for almost 200 years. Why do you think his actions were successful?

### **Barbarian Invasions**

1. Explain how and why the Germanic people threaten Rome.
2. Romans viewed non-Romans as Barbarians. What does this mean? What is this type of language evidence of?
3. How were the Huns indirectly responsible for the Germanic invasions of Rome?
4. What group of invaders came the greatest distance?

# Summary: Causes of the Fall of the Roman Empire



## Contributing Factors

Political	Social	Economic	Militaristic	Religious

1. Circle the factor in each column that you believe was the most influential in the decline and fall of Rome.
2. Could changes in any of the factors listed above have prevented the fall of Rome?

3. Rate the top five factors that contributed to the decline and fall of Rome in order of their significance, with one being the most significant.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comparative Topic: Classical Civilizations (600BCE – 600CE)**

	CHINA	INDIA	GREECE	ROME
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