Ancient Rome
Outcome: The Fall of the Roman Empire

1. A Century of Crisis
   a. ______ came to an end with Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180)
   b. The rulers that followed were unable to manage the large empire and its growing __________.
   c. Result: The Roman Empire began to __________

2. Problems
   a. __________
      i. _______ was disrupted by hostile tribes and pirates
      ii. No new gold or silver sources = ________________
      iii. Created more money = ________________ (bad)
      iv. Soil in Italy and Western Europe became increasingly ___ __________
   b. __________
      i. Citizens were losing their ______________ towards Rome
      ii. Government began to be controlled by ______________
      iii. ______________ such as Nero, Commodus, & Caligula murdered, raped, and impoverished their people
   c. __________
      i. People were slowly losing their ______________ in the Empire
      ii. Gap between _____ & _______ was still very wide
      iii. Decline in interest in ________________
   d. __________
      i. Low funds for ______________
      ii. ______________ (foreign soldiers) hired who accepted lower pay
      iii. Soldiers were less ______________ and loyal

3. Reform Attempted
   a. ______________
      i. Becomes emperor in 284 AD
      ii. Ruled with iron fist and limited personal ______________
      iii. Doubled size of ______________
      iv. Sought to control ______________
      v. Divided: Greek Speaking _____ & Latin Speaking ________
b. ______________________
   i. __________________ due to vision he had at the battle of Milvian
      Bridge; victory at Milvian Bridge made him _____ ______ of Rome
   ii. ______________________
   iii. Issued the _____ of ______ which allowed Christians to __________
        ____________
   iv. Moves capital of empire east to ___________; builds new city
   v. New city is later renamed ______________ (in modern day Turkey)
   vi. Eastern empire ______________ due to trade and wealth

4. Western Empire Crumbles
   a. The ______ of the Western Roman Empire took place over many years
   b. Collapse was due to:
      i. Worsening ______________ problems
      ii. The separation of the Western Empire from ___________ _________
      iii. Outside ______________
   c. Germanic Invasions
      i. Mongol nomads, The Huns, forced __________ peoples on Empire’s
         borders to push into ________ lands
      ii. Last Roman Emperor, ______________ ___________, ousted by
         Germanic forces in 476 AD

Result: The ________ Roman Empire was __________ but the ________
empire would continue to ______ as a region known today as ____________

**Constructive Response Question**

What factors contributed to the decline of the Roman Empire?