

Constructive Response Question

What factors contributed to the decline of the Roman Empire?



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)
- The rulers that followed were unable to manage the large empire and its growing _____.
- Result: The Roman Empire began to _____**



2. Problems

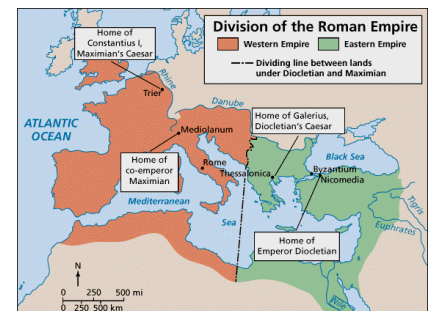


- _____
 - _____ was disrupted by hostile tribes and pirates
 - No new gold or silver sources = _____
 - Created more money = _____ (bad)
 - Soil in Italy and Western Europe became increasingly _____

- _____
 - Citizens were losing their _____ towards Rome
 - Government began to be controlled by _____
 - _____ such as Nero, Commodus, & Caligula murdered, raped, and impoverished their people

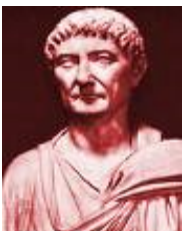
- _____
 - People were slowly losing their _____ in the Empire
 - Gap between _____ & _____ was still very wide
 - Decline in interest in _____

- _____
 - Low funds for _____
 - _____ (foreign soldiers) hired who accepted lower pay
 - Soldiers were less _____ and loyal



3. Reform Attempted

- _____
 - Becomes emperor in 284 AD
 - Ruled with iron fist and limited personal _____
 - Doubled size of _____
 - Sought to control _____
 - 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 _____

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