**The Fall of the Roman Empire**

**Quick Recap!**

In 509 B.C., the Romans drove out the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Italian Peninsula and established the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Under the Roman Republic, an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was established by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (rich people) and eventually the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (middle class people) gained more power.

However, after the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many people became homeless and this led to Civil Wars.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arose from the Civil Wars and forced the Senate to make him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Rome, but this did not last long because he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Roman Empire was established under Augustus and this began a period called the Pax Romana.

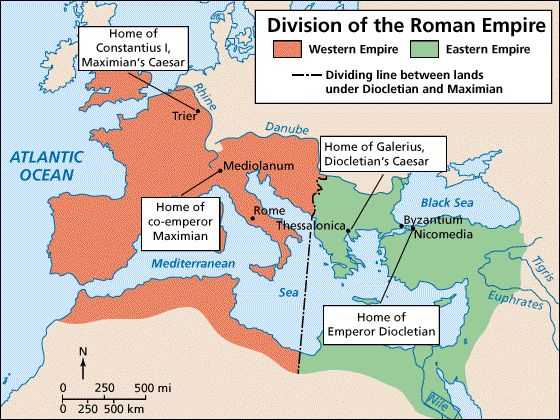
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_...

**Political and Economic Problems**

After the death of Emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 180 AD, the golden age of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For the next 100 years, political and economic turmoil plagued the Roman Empire.

* During this time, Emperor after Emperor is overthrown by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or military generals who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with their troops.
  + These tyrants usually only ruled for a few months.
  + In one 50 year period, at least \_\_\_\_\_Emperors reigned. Only \_\_\_\_\_ died of natural causes…
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!!

At the same time, the empire was shaken by terrible social and economic troubles including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Empire Divides**

In 284 AD, Emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_set out to restore order.

* To better handle the challenges facing the huge empire, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it into 2 parts the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Diocletian ruled the wealthier Eastern Roman Empire and appointed a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Maximian, to rule the Western Roman Empire.

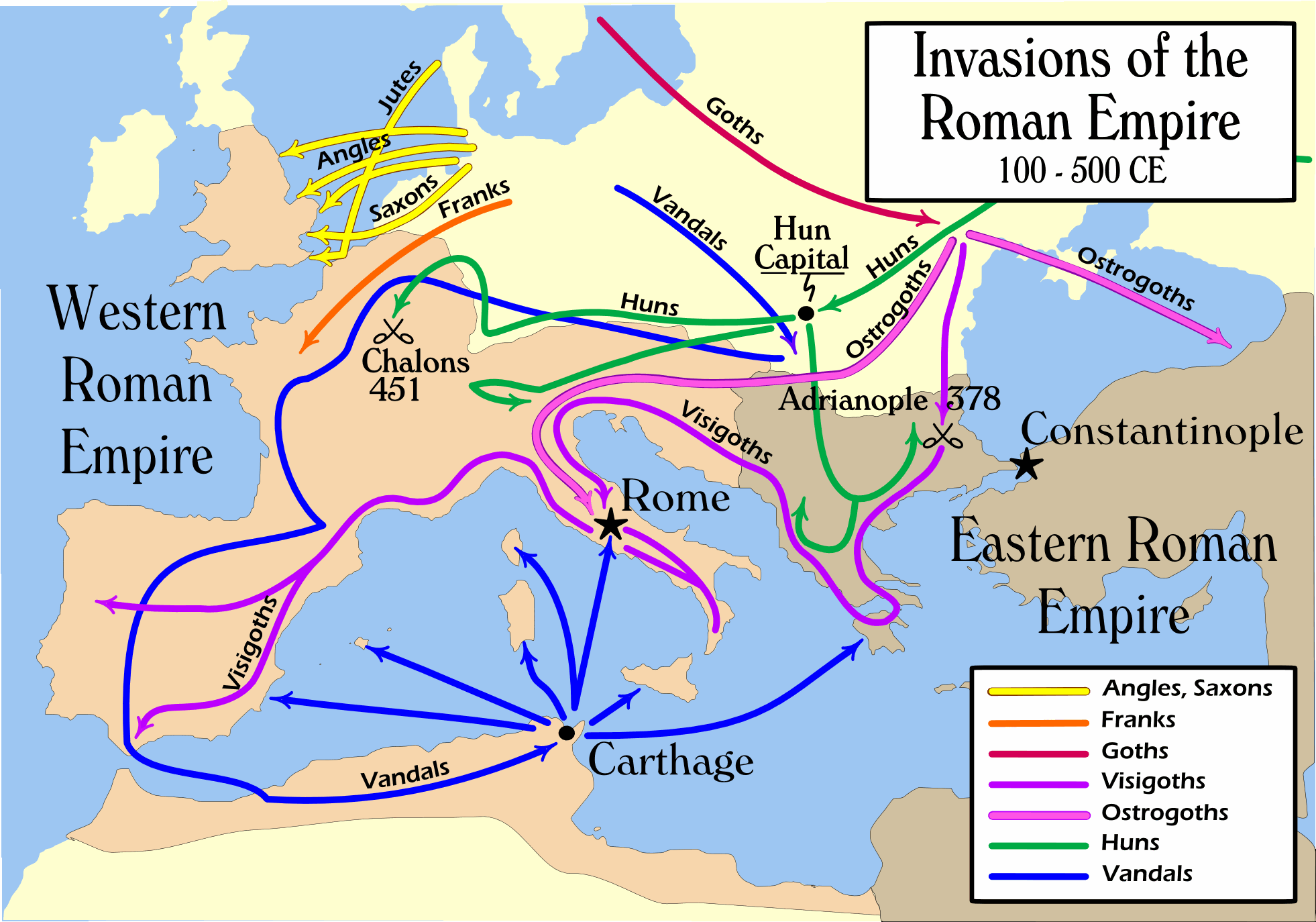
Diocletian also took steps to improve the empire’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by fixing the prices of goods to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inflation (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)…but it was too late.

**Constantine’s Reforms**

In 312 AD, talented general \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gained the throne. As emperor, Constantine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Diocletian’s reforms.

Constantine change European History in 2 important ways:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This allowed freedom of religion to all citizens.
2. He established a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Constantinople was called the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” and was located in the Eastern Roman Empire. It would become the new center of Roman power!!!

**Invaders!**

For centuries, Rome had faced attacks from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who lived North. However, around 200 AD a chain of invaders would overwhelm Rome.

* Wars in East Asia sent a nomadic people, called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, migrating towards Europe. The Huns reached Europe in 370 AD and fought the Germanic tribes.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all began to invade the Roman Empire.

The Roman legions were unable to protect Rome.

**Rome is Sacked!**

In 378 AD, the Roman army suffered a stunning defeat when it was trying to keep the Visigoths out of Adrianople.

* This illustrated that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
* In 410 AD, the Visigoth General Alaric overran Italy and plundered the city of Rome.

Meanwhile, the Vandals moved through Gaul and Spain into North Africa. Gradually, the Germanic tribes began to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* In 434 AD, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (aka “The Scourge of God”, invaded Europe sending more Germanic tribes into the Roman Empire.
* Finally, in 476 Odacer, a Germanic leader, overthrew the Roman Emperor – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Too Many Problems**

The fall of the Roman empire was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in World History!!!

*So why did Rome fall?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Rome could not protect itself from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because the legions were too weak and Rome hired \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (foreign soldiers) to defend its borders.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Government was more oppressive and authoritarian and lost support of people. Corrupt politicians undermined the loyalty to Rome. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also weakened Rome.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Heavy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, reliance on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, lack of new technology, and poverty led to a failing economy.
4. Social Decay - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, discipline and devotion to the Roman Empire led to the collapse. Providing “bread and circuses” may have also undermined self-reliance.

*Did Rome Fall?*

* The Roman Empire did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disappear off the map in 476 AD.
* The Eastern Roman Empire continued to exist for another 1000 years under a new name called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.