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**DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTION: THE FALL OF ROME**  
*WHY EXACTLY DID THE ROMAN EMPIRE FALL?*

Examine the documents in the primary source packet and respond to the corresponding questions on the lines below. Include detail in your responses and explain the thinking behind your answers, include phrases/quotes from the actual document! This will help you prepare for your final product to present your argument about why Ancient Rome fell.

1) According to this source, what were the basic problems facing the Roman Empire? **(Document 1)**

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2) According to this source, what problems were facing the Roman Empire? **(Document 2)**

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3) Examine the chart closely. What is happening among the Roman Emperors that may have led to Rome's decline? **(Document 3)**

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4) What economic issues are identified as causes for decline? **(Document 4)**

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5) What does this selection tell us about how the military contributed to the fall of Rome?  
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6) According to the map, what caused the Roman Empire to fall? **(Document 6)**

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7) Why might this sort of attack be more difficult than if there were just one enemy?  
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8) Why did the Roman government have large expenses? **(Document 7)**

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9) What was the effect of high taxation on the people? **(Document 7)**

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10) What effect did the establishment of a governmental welfare system have on the people?  
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