

# Decline & Fall of Ancient Rome

## Organizer & Questions

Complete the following organizer and questions to help you understand the decline and fall of the Western Roman Empire.

### The Decline

Years: 200s

#### Political Upheavals

1) During the years 235-284 there were 22 emperors that ruled Rome. Why would having this many emperors in a short period of time cause problems in Rome?

2) What groups invaded Rome? What happened to the political boundaries of Rome?

#### Economic & Military Problems

3) Explain the 3 main economic issues ancient Rome faced throughout the 200s?

4) What issues did Rome face with the military during this time?

### The Reforms of Diocletian and Constantine

The reigns of emperors Diocletian and Constantine tried to keep the Roman Empire from collapsing. List what these 2 emperors did to give the empire "new life."

Years: late 200s-300s

Diocletian

Constantine

Name:

Period:

## Growing Problems

*Years: throughout 200s – 300s*

Write a 1-2 sentence summary about how the following aspects caused problems in Ancient Rome.

Christianity

Morals & Values

Public Health

Inflation

Urban Decay

Technology

## The Final Blows to Rome

List all the barbarian groups that invaded the Roman Empire from the late 300s – 476.

*Years: 378-476*

What did these groups do that caused the Western Roman Empire to fall in 476? Explain at least 3 specific examples.