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Lesson 5.05: The Fall of the West

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Burden of Supporting an Over-expanded Military (Page 3)

How was the military over-expanded?

How did this contribute to the downfall of the Roman Empire?

Rise in Power of the Eastern Empire (Page 4)

Vocabulary Term	Explain the meaning of each term in your own words and describe why the term is important to the lesson
Constantinople	

Why was Rome split into two sections?

How were things different in the Eastern Empire and the Western Empire?

How did this make the Western Empire more vulnerable?

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Economic Troubles and Overreliance on Slave Labor (Page 5)

The Roman Empire needed tax money to pay for things such as:

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The citizens of the _____ Empire had fewer opportunities than the _____ Empire to make money and pay taxes. The economy was also dependent on _____ to provide labor. As expansion slowed, so did the inflow of conquered people and slave labor.

Defense Against Barbarians and Huns (Page 6)

Vocabulary Term	Explain the meaning of each term in your own words and describe why the term is important to the lesson
Barbarian	
Goths	
Huns	
Attila the Hun	
Alaric	
Vandals	

A series of invasions over several years weakened the western part of Rome. Describe them below.

Goths:

Visigoths:

Ostrogoths:

Huns:

Vandals:

Weak and Corrupt Political Leaders (Page 7)

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Romulus Augustulus	
Mercenary soldiers	
Odoacer	
Deposed	

The Western Roman Empire needed a _____ leader, but for many years _____, _____ emperors had ruled.

How did Romulus Augustulus's rule make it possible for Odoacer to take control of the Western Roman Empire?

What event marked the end of the Western Roman Empire?

After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, the Eastern Roman Empire became known as the _____ Empire. It would take another _____ years before it, too, would fall.

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