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## Fall of Rome Reading Guide

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1. In 212 AD, Rome granted citizenship to all people in the empire. Why did they do this?
2. Why was Rome having money problems?
3. What is inflation and why was Rome having a problem with inflation?
4. Why were poor workers and small farmers hit especially hard in this time period?
5. Why did Diocletian divide the empire in half?
6. What changes did Diocletian make to slow Rome's decline?
7. According to legend, why did Constantine support Christianity?
8. Besides his support of Christianity, for what is Constantine remembered?
9. As time progressed, what was the difference between the eastern and the western empires?
10. Why were the Goths flooding into the Roman Empire? Look at the map on page 174 – from what tribe were the Goths (both Ostrogoths and Visigoths) escaping?
11. The Goths gained the advantage over the Romans in a battle at Adrianople. What major Roman figure died in that battle?
12. Why were the Vandals able to conquer Africa and sack Rome?

13. Describe the Huns.
14. How was Attila the Hun finally defeated?
15. Why were the Germanic tribes unable to rule a united empire?
16. The Eastern Roman Empire fell in 1453 AD. How long did it last after the fall of the Western Roman Empire?
17. What was the final, most obvious cause of the final collapse of the Western Empire?
18. Why did the Roman government fail to adequately control the large empire?
19. How did Germanic soldiers identify themselves (see p. 176)?
20. How did the Roman army contribute to the collapse of Rome?
21. Why was the Roman economy strained?
22. How did social change contribute to the fall of Rome?
23. Who developed our calendar?