

# D Decline of the Roman Empire

## Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 40–41 in the Atlas. Read the introduction. Then look at picture A and read its caption. Use the information to answer the following questions.
  - a. What created disorder within the Roman Empire? \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Where did the barbarians who invaded the Roman Empire come from?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Who was the last major emperor to rule a united Roman Empire?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
What is he known as? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What happened to the Roman Empire in 395?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Which Empire still thrived after 476? \_\_\_\_\_

## Time and Change

2. Use map B, “Roman Empire Splits Apart,” to sequence the events below in chronological order. Write 1 next to the event that occurred first and 5 next to the event that occurred last.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
a. Constantinople becomes the Roman capital.	_____
b. Plague reaches Roman Empire.	_____
c. Roman Empire becomes divided.	_____
d. Palmyra gains temporary independence.	_____
e. Gaul’s temporary independence ends.	_____

## Links Far and Near

3. Read the history question, “What is a barbarian?” How has the meaning of the word barbarian changed?

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**People and Cultures**

4. Look at picture C and read its caption. Also look at map E, “Barbarian Invasions and Migrations.” Use the information to answer the following questions.
- When did the Huns begin to migrate west? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where were they from? \_\_\_\_\_
  - The Huns migrated into the territory of which two barbarian groups?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Into what region of the Eastern Empire did the Huns migrate in 395?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Which barbarian groups entered the Western Roman Empire through Germany?  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Which barbarian group ended up in Britain? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Which barbarian group invaded North Africa and then Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Which two barbarian groups attacked Rome at different times?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - When did the barbarian invasions of the Western Empire end? \_\_\_\_\_

**Places, Regions, and Landscapes**

5. Look at chart D, “Top 10 Cities, 500 A.D.” Rank the cities below from largest to smallest, with 1 being the largest and 10 the being the smallest. Then use map B, “Roman Empire Splits Apart,” to circle the cities that were part of the Roman Empire.
- Nanjing \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rome \_\_\_\_\_
  - Carthage \_\_\_\_\_
  - Alexandria \_\_\_\_\_
  - Luoyang \_\_\_\_\_
  - Constantinople \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ctesiphon \_\_\_\_\_
  - Teotihuacan \_\_\_\_\_
  - Changan \_\_\_\_\_
  - Antioch \_\_\_\_\_