

CHAPTER
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Section 4

GUIDED READING

The Decline of the Roman Empire

A. Perceiving Cause and Effect As you read about the decline and fall of the Roman Empire, take notes to answer the questions.

1. What were the causes of each condition that led to the decline of the Roman Empire?	
a. Disruption of trade	
b. Gold and silver drain	
c. Inflation	
d. Decline of loyalty and discipline in military	
e. Citizen indifference and loss of patriotism	

2. What steps did Diocletian take to restore order and reform the empire?

3. What did Constantine do to reform the empire?

4. What caused the final collapse of the western Roman Empire?

B. Perceiving Cause and Effect On the back of this paper, explain how **mercenaries**, **Alaric**, and **Attila** contributed to the decline and fall of the Roman Empire.