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

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.”
Growing Problems

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.

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