

WHY DID THE ROMAN EMPIRE COLLAPSE?

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By 369 A.D it was obvious that the Roman Empire was facing many problems. These problems eventually caused the empire to collapse. By about 500 A.D the Empire had fallen apart.

A cause is a reason why something happens.

A consequence is something that happens because of something else.

TASKS

1) On a clean page put the title 'Why did the Roman Empire collapse?' Copy out the above paragraph.

2) On your worksheet there are 12 problems faced by the Roman Empire, which caused the Empire to collapse. Can you spot any problems which are connected?

On the sheet draw lines with arrows to show any connections between the problems.

- You can connect more than 2 causes together
- Use different colours to show different connections
- Make sure you show the direction of the arrows.

3) In your exercise books explain any one of the connections you have made. Why did you connect them? You can choose a long or short chain.

4) On your sheet number the problems according to which you think was the most serious faced by the Roman Empire. Number 1 for the biggest problem, up to 12 for the smallest problem.

5) In your exercise book write out the biggest problem faced by the Roman Empire.

- Explain why you choose it.
- Write down any possible solutions to it.
- Repeat for your second and third biggest problems.

IF YOU HAVE TIME.....

WRITE A REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE EMPEROR. IT SHOULD INCLUDE:

- AN EXPLANATION OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE EMPIRE.
- POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS.