

WHY DID THE ROMAN EMPIRE COLLAPSE?

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THE EMPERORS OF ROME WERE GREEDY .

TAXES WERE INCREASED .
FOR SOME PEOPLE ONE
THIRD OF THEIR WAGES
WENT TOWARDS TAXES .

TRIBES OUTSIDE THE
EMPIRE ATTACKED ITS
BORDERS.

POWERFUL GENERALS KEPT
FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES
ABOUT WHO SHOULD BE THE NEXT
EMPEROR.

SOLDIERS WANTED
MORE PAY.

THE BORDERS WERE COSTING
MORE AND MORE TO DEFEND.

IN 73 YEARS THERE WERE
23 EMPERORS. 20 OF
THESE WERE MURDERED.

POOR PEOPLE WERE DRIVEN
TO CRIME.

THE EMPIRE NEEDED A
STRONG ARMY TO
PROTECT ITS BORDERS.

THE DEFENCES OF THE
EMPIRE WERE STRONG ON
THE EDGES, BUT WEAK IN
THE MIDDLE.

ONCE TRIBES BROKE
THROUGH THE DEFENCES IT
WAS EASY TO KEEP GOING.

MANY ROMAN CITIZENS
BEGAN TO REBEL AGAINST
THEIR RULERS.