

# CAUSES OF THE FALL OF THE WESTERN ROMAN EMPIRE

## MILITARY

1. High cost of military invasions
2. Invading Goths, Vandals, and Franks
3. Soldiers not loyal to Rome
4. Army dependent on Germanic troops
5. Army choosing emperor

## POLITICAL

1. Oppressive public service
2. Civil war
3. Competition for power
4. Tribes ruled areas
5. Inefficient government
6. Corrupt government split empire

## ECONOMIC

1. High taxes
2. Decline in manufacturing
3. Inflation
4. Loss of money gained from wars
5. Small farmers had to sell property
6. Crops trampled by invaders
7. People left jobs for the city

## SOCIAL

1. Learning declined
2. Loss of patriotism
3. Division between rich and poor
4. Loss of individual freedom
5. Schools and libraries closed

