

Chapter 7, Main Idea Activities 7.6, continued

EVALUATING INFORMATION Mark each statement *T* if it is true or *F* if it is false.

- _____ 1. By granting citizenship to all free people of the empire, the government gained more taxpayers.
- _____ 2. Because wealth continued to flow into the empire, there was a shortage of silver for coins.
- _____ 3. The efforts of Diocletian and Constantine slowed the empire's decline.
- _____ 4. Diocletian was successful in improving the economy by controlling prices and wages.
- _____ 5. Constantine banned Christianity throughout the empire.
- _____ 6. The Germans who invaded the West set up a united empire.
- _____ 7. Because of the German invasions, knowledge of the world and the past declined.
- _____ 8. A government designed for a small city-state effectively controlled a vast empire.

REVIEWING FACTS Choose the correct items from the following list to complete the statements below.

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| Constantinople | inflation | Germans |
| transportation | Mediterranean | Attila |

- 1. When the prices of goods increased but the value of the silver coin decreased, Rome experienced _____.
- 2. _____, Rome's capital city in the East, served as a base from which to defend the eastern empire.
- 3. When _____, the Hun, overthrew Romulus Augustulus, the Roman Empire ended.
- 4. The most troublesome of Rome's invaders were the _____.
- 5. Among the many causes of the decline of the Roman Empire was growing too fast in an age of slow _____.
- 6. Rome governed the entire _____ with a system designed for a city-state.

CHAPTER 7

Main Idea Activities 7.6

The Fall of the Western Empire

VOCABULARY Some terms to understand:

- **sole (173):** only
- **inefficient (173):** wasting time, energy, or materials
- **plundering (175):** robbing or taking by force
- **triggered (175):** set off; started
- **corrupt (175):** evil, dishonest, and rotten

ORGANIZING INFORMATION How did Emperor Diocletian try to solve the empire's problems? Fill in the chart using three of the following solutions. One problem has two solutions.

- He tried to control prices and wages.
- He appointed a co-emperor and two assistants.
- He drove out invading barbarians.

Problem	Solution
The empire had grown too large.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>
There was lawlessness within the empire.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>
The economy was in crisis.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>