**The Fall of the West Viewing Questions**

Watch the video below and answer the questions that follow:

[The fall of the Roman Empire: What really caused it?](https://youtu.be/A7Sp0EnR1h0)

1. What were the four primary areas of challenge that led to the fall of the Roman Empire?
2. What role did the Roman military play in the expansion of the empire?
3. What problems were created by Rome's geographic expansion?
4. What economic difficulties did Rome face?
5. How did slavery affect Rome's economy and society?
6. What political issues plagued Rome, especially during the later periods?
7. How did the term 'barbarians' apply in the context of the Roman Empire?
8. What significant impact did barbarian invasions have on the Western Roman Empire?
9. What strategic decision did Emperor Diocletian make in 286 AD, and how did it affect the empire?
10. How did the Eastern Roman Empire differ from the Western Roman Empire following the division?
11. What event marked the end of the Western Roman Empire?
12. How did environmental changes contribute to the decline of the Roman Empire?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have discovered in the video, answer the question below in paragraph format:

*What were the main causes for the fall of the Western Roman Empire in AD 476?*