**The Fall of Rome Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Why did the Western Roman Empire fall? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-fall-of-the-west-reading/)

1. What is one of the main external factors that contributed to the fall of the Western Roman Empire?
2. What event is often seen as a symbol of the decline of the Western Roman Empire?
3. Name two tribes that sacked Rome.
4. What devastating pandemic struck the empire between 249 to 262?
5. Who initiated the division of the Roman Empire into two halves, and why?
6. What was the name given to the second-in-charge under each of the Augusti?
7. How did Christianity's growth contribute to the tension in the empire?
8. What internal factor contributed to the fall of the Western Roman Empire?
9. Who deposed the last Roman emperor, Romulus Augustulus, and what title did he take for himself?
10. Name a natural disaster that impacted the Roman Empire in the 5th century AD.
11. What was the name of the eastern Roman Empire after the fall of the Western Roman Empire?
12. Which institution today can trace its origins back to the Western Roman Empire?
13. In what year did Odoacer depose Romulus Augustulus?
14. When did Emperor Constantine I legalize Christianity?
15. Which Emperor declared Christianity as the state religion of the Roman Empire?
16. What was the primary reason for the division of the Roman Empire under Emperor Diocletian?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your reading, write a paragraph answer to the following question:

*What were the main reasons for the fall of the Western Roman Empire?*