**Internet Research Worksheet**

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| Topic under investigation: | Fall of the Western Roman Empire |

1. Who was involved?

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| **Individual’s or Group’s Name:** | **Short description of this person or group:** |
| Barbarian tribes |  |
| Emperor Diocletian |  |
| Augustus and Caesar |  |
| Odoacer |  |
| Emperor Zeno |  |

1. What were the main events and when did they occur?

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| **Date:** | **Title of event:** | **Short description of this event:** |
|  | Battle of Adrianople |  |
|  | Sack of Rome by Visigoths |  |
|  | Sack of Rome by Vandals |  |
|  | Deposition of Romulus Augustulus |  |
|  | Fall of the Western Roman Empire |  |

1. Where were the important locations?

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| **Name of city, country or location:** | **Short description of this location:** |
| Western Roman Empire |  |
| Rome, Italy |  |
| Adrianople (modern Edirne, Turkey) |  |
| Constantinople (modern Istanbul, Turkey) |  |

1. What new words or phrases do you need to understand?

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| **Word or phrase:** | **Short description of this word or phrase:** |
| Barbarian invasions |  |
| Plague of Cyprian (Antonine Plague) |  |
| Byzantine Empire |  |
| Papacy |  |

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have discovered in your background research, answer the question below in paragraph format:

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