

# Guided Reading Activity



## The Byzantine Empire and Emerging Europe

### Lesson 2 *Decline and Fall of Rome*

#### Review Questions

**Directions:** Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

**A. Main Idea:** New problems arose in Rome soon after the death of Marcus Aurelius in A.D. 180. A period of conflict, confusion, and civil wars followed.

1. Who invaded Roman territory in the third century?

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2. What crises nearly caused economic collapse in the empire?

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3. How did Diocletian and Constantine give new life to the late Roman Empire?

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4. Where did Constantine locate the empire's new capital city?

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5. How did Constantine and Diocletian fight inflation?

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**B. Main Idea:** After the death of Constantine, the Roman Empire split and the western part of the empire collapsed under pressure from the Germanic tribes.

1. When did the Visigoths and Vandals invade Rome?

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2. Where did the Visigoths and Vandals come from?

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3. Who finally sacked Rome, and which emperor did he depose?

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# Guided Reading Activity *Cont.*



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### Summary and Reflection

**Directions:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What factors contributed to the fall of the Roman Empire?

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