

# Guided Reading

## Rome and the Rise of Christianity

### Lesson 1 *Rome's Decline*

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

- *Why do civilizations rise and fall?*

### Rome at Its Height

**Identifying** The Roman Empire enjoyed 200 years of peace beginning with the rule of Caesar Augustus. In the chart below, identify the reasons why the city of Rome became a center for the exchange of cultures and ideas.

<b>Reasons Why Rome Was a Site of Encounter</b>	1. 2. 3.
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### A Troubled Empire

**Determining Cause and Effect** Many factors, or causes, contributed to Rome's fall. As you read the text, list the factors that caused Rome's government and economy to weaken.

<b>4. Factors:</b>	Rome's goverment grew weak.
<b>5. Factors:</b>	Rome's economy grew weak.

**6. Identifying** What reforms did Diocletian introduce to improve the Roman Empire?

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### The Fall of Rome

7. **Identifying** Who was Constantine and how did he change the Roman Empire?

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**Displaying** Describe the actions of each group or person that led to the fall of the Western Roman Empire. The first one has been done for you.

**Theodosius**

He split the empire into two separate empires.



**8. The Visigoths**



**9. The Vandals**



**10. General Odoacer**



The Western Roman Empire ends.

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### Rome's Legacies

**Making Connections** List four influences of the Roman civilization that still have an effect on us today.

Ways That Rome Affects Us Today
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