# **Guided Reading**

Rome and the Rise of Christianity

Lesson 1 Rome's Decline

#### **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

• Why do civilizations rise and fall?

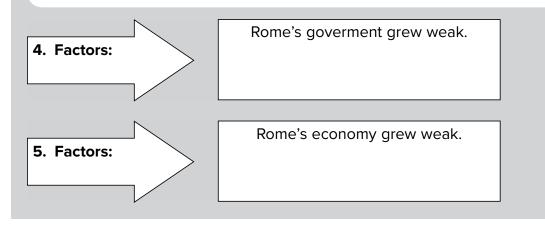
#### **Rome at Its Height**

**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.

Reasons Why Rome Was a Site of	1.
Encounter	2.
	3.

### 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.



**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?

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

Theodosius	
He split the empire into two separate empires.	
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8. The Visigoths	
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9. The Vandals	
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10. General Odoacer	
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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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