

# **WORLD 1-4**

## **ROME: THE FALL OF ROME**

NOTE: Unless you have earned the MAGIC QUILL power-up, these notes must be COPIED ON YOUR OWN PAPER.

Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p><b>Essential Question:</b> What factors led to the fall of Rome?</p> <p><b>Diocletian</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He thought the Roman Empire was too big to be governed.</li><li>• He decided to split the Empire into parts.</li></ul> <p><b>Constantine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After winning the battle he became a Christian.</li><li>• He made Christianity the official religion of Rome. (Edict of Milan)</li><li>• He moved the capital to Constantinople and made it a “Christian” capital.</li></ul> <p><b>Constantinople</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constantine thought Rome was too ungodly to be a capital.</li><li>• He moved to Constantinople because it was...<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– easily protected (water on 3 sides)</li><li>– on major trade routes</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Barbarians</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They didn’t speak Latin.</li><li>• lived outside the Roman border.</li><li>• intelligent and sophisticated cultures.</li><li>• One of the most famous barbarians, Attila the Hun refused to attack Rome because he was afraid of diseases.</li><li>• Many became part of the Roman army.</li><li>• As Rome weakened, they raided the Empire for gold.</li></ul> <p><b>The Fall of Rome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barbarians (Attila the Hun) demanded tribute which led to high taxes.</li><li>• Slaves and non-citizens saw the Empire weakening and rebelled.</li><li>• The vast Empire (with slow communication and travel) was hard to defend.</li></ul>