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Causes for the fall of the Roman Empire:

- A. Economic Problems:
 - 1. The cost of maintaining the huge Roman army
 - 2. Devaluation of Roman currency
- B. Military Problems:
 - 1. Army became less disciplined and often rebelled.
- C. Political Problems:
 - 1. Problems within the government and incompetent Emperors
- D. Invasions:
 - 1. Invasions by Germanic tribes on the borders of the Roman Empire

HOW THE ROMAN EMPIRE WAS DIVIDED:

1. The Capital of the Empire was moved from Rome to Byzantium. Byzantium was then renamed Constantinople.
2. The Empire was divided into two halves:
 - * Eastern Roman Empire (with the new capital in Constantinople)
 - * Western Roman Empire (still headquartered in Rome)
3. The Western Roman Empire was eventually destroyed by barbarian attacks from Germanic tribes in 476 AD.
4. The Eastern Roman Empire becomes known as the Byzantine Empire and continues to flourish and thrive for another 1000 years.

THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE