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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 headquarted 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.