



# Rome Falls

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- Main Idea (Objective):



- Rome finally fell when invaders swept through the empire during the 400's C.E.

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- Lecture Focus (Essential Question):



- How would you feel if a favorite place ... maybe a store, park, or recreation center closed after being open for many years. We are going to explore how the Romans had to face an even greater loss when their city and empire fell.



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- Both the Roman emperors **Diocletian** and **Constantine** failed to save the Roman Empire...though they both tried very hard, it just was not enough.



- When Constantine died in 337 C.E. , fighting broke out again all over Rome.

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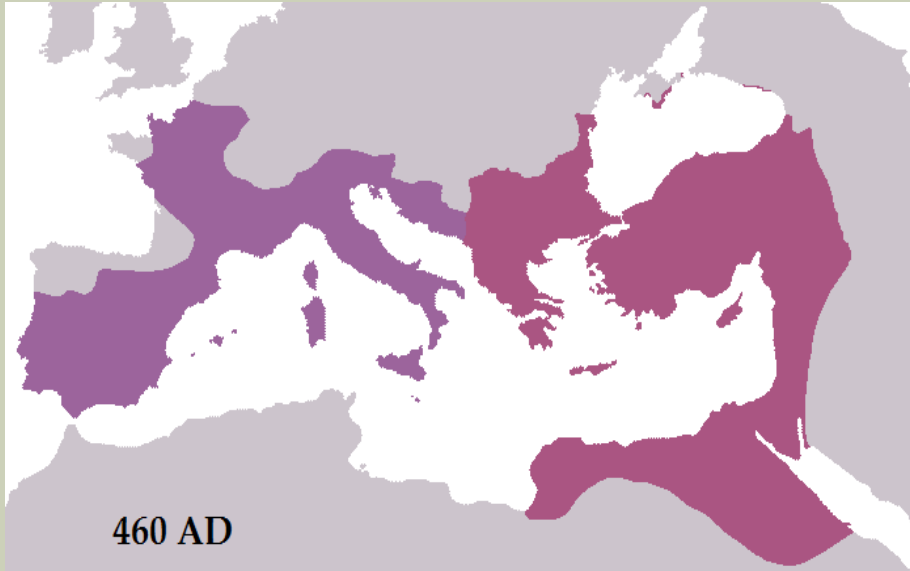
- A new Emperor called **Theodosius** finally gained control and ended the civil fighting.



- Ruling the Empire proved to be difficult for **Theodosius** and he decided to divide the Empire after his death.

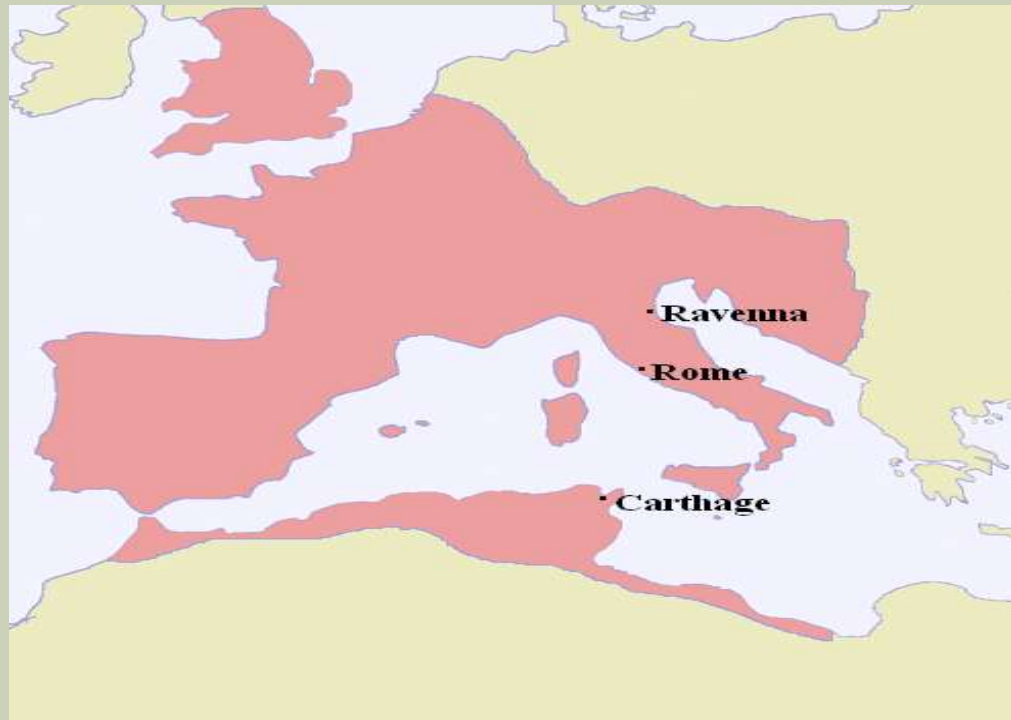
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- In 395 C.E. the Roman Empire split into two separate Empires.





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- One was the **Western Roman Empire**, with the capital city located in **Rome**.

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- The other half was the **Eastern Roman Empire**, with the capital city located in **Constantinople**.

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## ■ Questions:

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- What were the names of the two Capital cities of these new Empires?

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- **Questions:**

- What were the two names of the new Roman Empires after Theodosius split up Rome into two separations?

  - **The Western Roman Empire and The Eastern Roman Empire**

- What were the names of the two Capital cities of these new Empires?

  - **Rome in the West and Constantinople in the East**



# ROME IS INVADED

- As Rome declined, it was no longer able to hold back the Germanic Tribes on its borders.



- Many different Germanic groups existed...**Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Angles** and **Saxons**.

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- Most of these Germanic Tribes came from the forests and marshes of Northern Europe.

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- These Germanic Groups were in search of warmer climates and better grazing land for their cattle.



- They also were drawn by Rome's wealth and culture.



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- In addition, many were fleeing the Huns, a tribe of fierce warriors from Mongolia.



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- In the late 300's C.E., the Huns entered Eastern Europe and defeated the **Ostrogoth's**.



- The **Visigoths**, fearing they would be next asked the Roman Empire for protection.

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- Rome allowed the **Visigoths** to settle just inside the empire's border.



- In return they promised to be loyal to the Rome Empire.

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- Before long, trouble broke out between the Visigoths and the Romans.

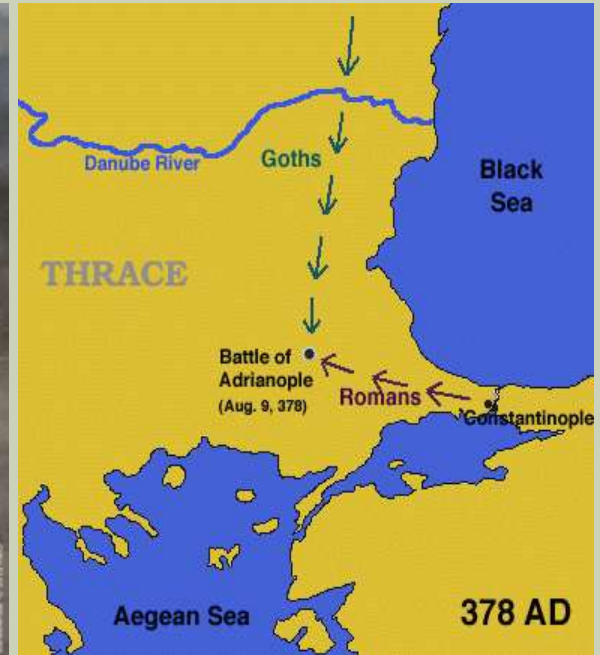


- The Empire forced the Visigoths to buy food and other supplies at very high prices... some Romans even kidnapped and enslaved many Visigoths.



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- Finally, the Visigoths had enough of Roman's mistreatment of them and rebelled against the Empire.



- In 378 C.E. the Visigoths defeated the Roman Legions at the  **Battle of Adrianople** ...Rome was forced to surrender this land to the Visigoths.



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- The **Battle of Adrianople**...was part of the **Gothic War**, which was a series of Barbarian invasion of the Western Roman Empire .
- The **Gothic Wars** eventually lead to the final fall of the Roman Empire.

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- After the victory at the **Battle of Adrianople** the Germanic Tribes knew that Rome could not defend itself.



- More and more Germanic warriors crossed the borders of Rome in search of land and really a home.

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- In the winter of 406 C.E., the Rhine River in Western Europe completely froze.



- Germanic tribes crossed the frozen river and entered Gaul, which is today France...The Romans were just too weak to force them back across the border.



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- In 410 C.E. the Visigoth leader **Alaric** and his soldiers captured Rome itself.



- They burned records, looted the treasure and murdered many Romans.



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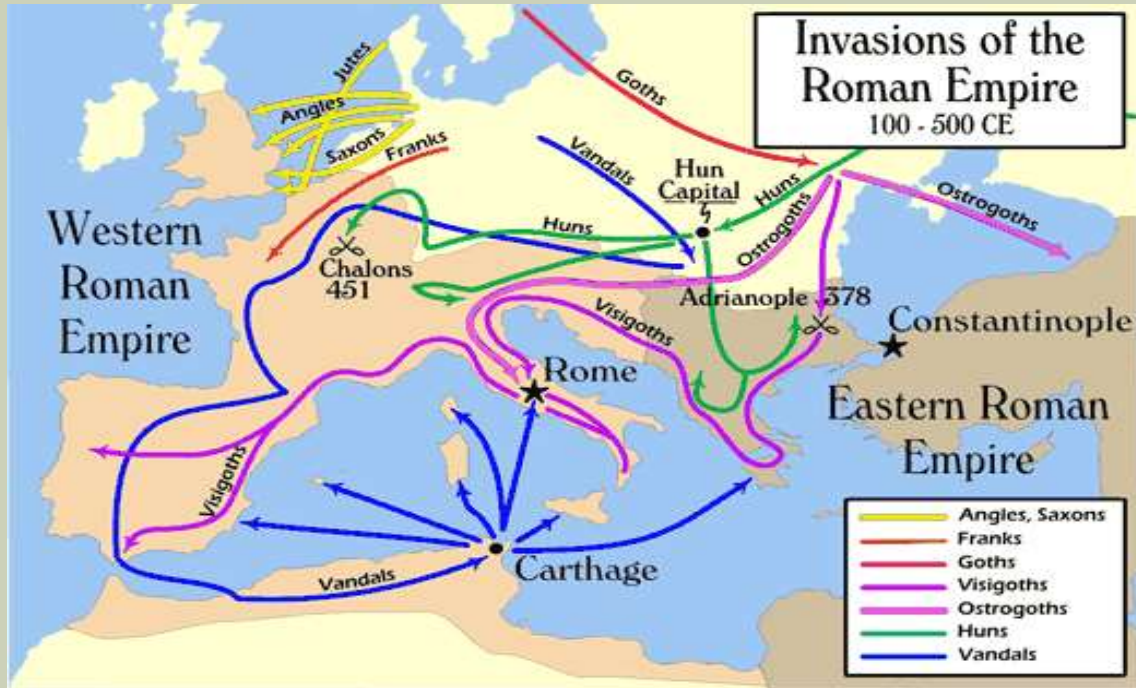
- Rome's capture by **Alaric** was a great shock to the Roman people.



- It was the first time Rome had been conquered in over 800 years.

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- Another Germanic group known as the **Vandals** overran Spain and Northern Africa.



- They enslaved Roman landowners and drove others away, looting and destroying everything in their path.

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- Then the **Vandals** sailed to Italy from northern Africa.



- In 455 C.E. they entered Rome.

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- They spent twelve days stripping buildings of everything valuable and burning the entire city to the ground.



- From these attacks came the English word **“Vandalism”**, which means **“The willful destruction of property”**.

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## ■ Questions:

- Where did the many Germanic Tribes who were giving Rome problems come from?
- What were the names of these Germanic Tribes?
- Who were the Visigoths afraid of when they asked Rome for protection?
- What was the name of the Battle where the Visigoths beat the Romans?
- What does the term Vandalism mean and what Germanic tribe does it come from?



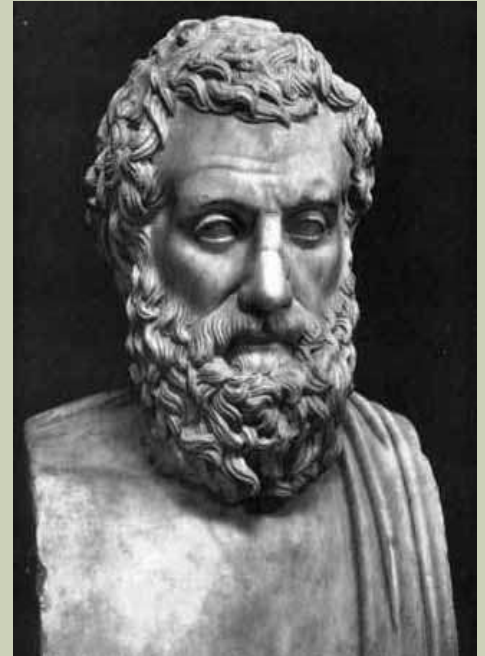
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- Where did the many Germanic Tribes who were giving Rome problems come from?
  - **The forest and marshes of Northern Europe**
- What were the names of these Germanic Tribes?
  - **Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Angles** and **Saxons**
- Who were the Visigoths afraid of when they asked Rome for protection?
  - **The Mongolian Huns**
- What was the name of the Battle where the Visigoths beat the Romans.
  - **The Battle of Adrianople**
- What does the term Vandalism mean and what Germanic tribe does it come from?
  - **The willful destruction of property and it came from the Vandal Tribe**

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- By the mid 400's C.E., several Germanic leaders held high post in Rome's Government and army.



- In 476 C.E. a Germanic General named **Odoacer** took control, overthrowing the Western Roman Emperor, a 14 year old boy names **Romulus Augustulus**.

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- After **Romulus Augustulus**, no Emperor ever again ruled Rome.



- Historians often use this event to mark the end of the Western Roman Republic.



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- Odoacer controlled Rome for almost 15 years.



- Then a group of Visigoths seized the city and killed Odoacer.



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- These **Visigoths** set up a kingdom in Italy under their new leader, **Theodoric**.



- Elsewhere in Europe, other Germanic Kingdoms arose and changed the entire continent of Europe. **(Theodoric's Mausoleum)**

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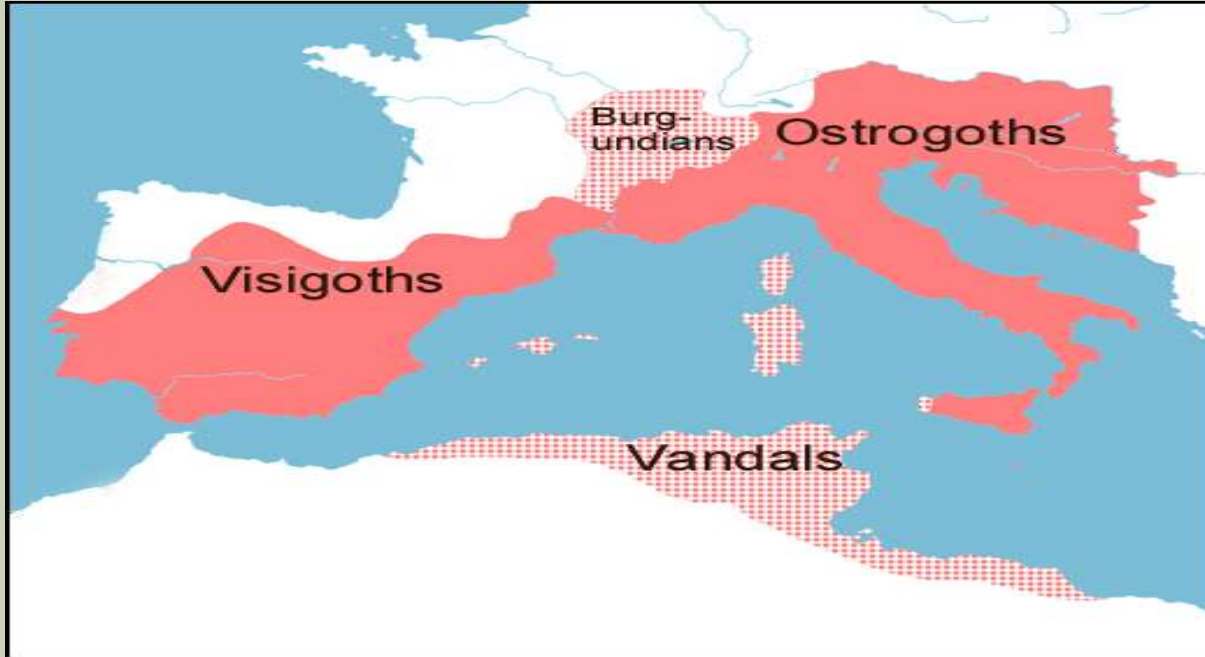
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- By 550 C.E., the Western Roman Empire had faded away.



- Many Roman beliefs and practices remained in use, however...for example Europe's new Germanic rulers adopted the Latin Language, Roman Laws and Christianity.

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- Although the Western Roman Empire fell to Germanic invaders, the Eastern Roman Empire prospered.



- It eventually became known as the **Byzantine Empire** and lasted for almost another 1000 years.



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## ■ Questions:

- Who was Odoacer?
- What was the name of the last Roman Emperor?
- What were some of the Roman beliefs that were adopted by the Germanic Tribes across Europe?
- What happened to the Eastern Roman Empire?

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## ■ Questions:

### ■ Who was Odoacer?

- Germanic General who took control of Rome

### ■ What was the name of the last Roman Emperor?

- Romulus Augustulus

### ■ What were some of the Roman beliefs that were adopted by the Germanic Tribes across Europe?

- Latin Language, Roman laws and Christianity

### ■ What happened to the Eastern Roman Empire?

- It became the Byzantine Empire and ruled for another 1000 years.

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## ■ Persuasive Writing:

- Complete the following persuasive writing activity in 2-3 well organized paragraphs.
- *Imagine that the United States government has just fallen apart and we have reverted back to a “State of Nature”.*
  - How would you personally be effected by the fall of the government and how would North Plainfield be effected?

