

CHAPTER 2 | LESSON 2 Decline and Fall of the Empire

Reteaching Activity**Finding Main Ideas**

Choose the word or words that most accurately completes each sentence below.
Write that word or words in the blanks provided.

civic duty	Rome	agriculture
Western Roman Empire	Byzantium	Franks
taxes	slave labor	Byzantine Empire
Constantine	Diocletian	Huns
Gaul	Clovis	coins

- To pay the empire's expenses, Roman officials were forced to raise _____.
- Soil weakened by years of warfare and oversue led to a decline in _____.
- The use of _____ kept Romans from making needed improvements in farming technology and techniques.
- Over time, soldiers once loyal to _____ pledged their allegiance instead to individual military leaders.
- As Roman politics grew increasingly corrupt, many citizens began to abandon their sense of _____.
- The strong emperor who divided the empire into east and west was _____.
- The emperor who strengthened Christianity by allowing Christians in the Roman Empire to worship freely was _____.
- _____ was the Greek city that became the new capital of the Roman Empire.
- Germanic tribes conquered Rome in 476, the date that many scholars used to mark the fall of the _____.
- The remaining clusters of Roman power in the west came to an end when _____, the leader of the _____, conquered the Roman province of Gaul.
- The Eastern Roman Empire, also called the _____, remained powerful for a thousand years after the fall of the Western Roman Empire.