

**Chapter 9 – The Fall of Rome**  
**Section 3 – The Fall of Rome Notes**

**Causes**

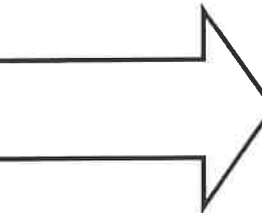
Several problems led to the fall of Rome

Government and economy lost stability to due weak corrupt rulers

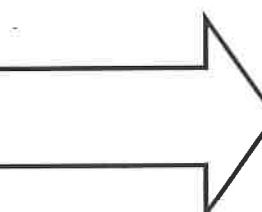
Army made up of mercenaries who will only fight for pay, not protection

Empire too big to be ruled from one place

Economic problems result in higher taxes, unemployment, food shortages, and inflation



**Event**  
**The Roman Empire divides into two parts East and West**



**Effects**

Power struggles between co-emperors

Constantine moves the capital to Byzantium in 330A.D.

Eastern portion of the empire is wealthier, stronger, and more powerful

Roman Empire in west falls to Germanic tribes in 476A.D.