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**Directions: As you view the documentary “The Fall of Rome,” listen for the answers to the following questions.**

1. When did civil wars become a major issue in Ancient Rome?
2. Identify 1 of the benefits of Roman Rule BEFORE the period of civil war.
3. What Emperor presided over the 1st signs of decline in the Roman World?
4. After Marcus Aurelius became Emperor in 161 A.D., Rome was attacked in the East and from the North. Who were these attackers? (\*two different groups\*)
5. What disease did Marcus Aurelius have? What “disease” did Rome suffer from?
6. Commodus, Marcus Aurelius’ son succeeded him as Emperor in 180 AD. How long was Commodus’ reign? How did it end?
7. What percentage of Rome’s population were below the poverty line?
8. What “tragic flaw” lay at the heart of Roman culture?
9. Rome had always allowed many religions throughout the Roman World. What religion would change everything, starting in the 3rd century?
10. What happened in Rome between 235 A.D., and 270 A.D.?
11. What was happening at this time on the “periphery” (outermost part) of Rome?
12. In the early Roman Empire, being defeated/conquered by the Romans actually brought several benefits: Roman citizenship, peace/prosperity, civil rights, etc. By the 3rd century, what was replacing these benefits for conquered peoples?
13. What 3 significant things did Diocletian do in 285 A.D.?
14. What did Constantine see on October 26, 312 A.D., right before a battle to determine if his dream of becoming Emperor would be fulfilled?
15. After Constantine’s victory, he became Emperor. What did he do with regards to Diocletian’s reforms?
16. Constantine is remembered for making 2 major changes to Rome; one religious, one political. Identify them.
17. What lesson was learned by the Romans after Valens was defeated by the Goths in 378 A.D.?
18. What did the barbarian tribes want from Rome?
19. When did Alaric sack the city of Rome?
20. How long after Alaric’s sack of Rome did the Western Roman Empire continue to exist?