Ancient Rome
Outcome: The Fall of the Roman Empire

1. A Century of Crisis
   a. ______ a came to an end with Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180)
   b. The rulers that followed were unable to manage the large empire and its growing ____________.
   c. Result: The Roman Empire began to __________

2. Problems
   a. __________
      i. __________ was disrupted by hostile tribes and pirates
      ii. No new gold or silver sources = ____________
      iii. Created more money = _____________ (bad)
      iv. Soil in Italy and Western Europe became increasingly ___ ______
   b. __________
      i. Moving the __________ to ____________ (Emperor Constantine)
      ii. Government began to be controlled by __________
      iii. ___________ __________ such as Nero, Commodus, & Caligula murdered, raped, and impoverished their people
   c. __________
      i. People were slowly losing their _____________ in the Empire
      ii. Contrast between ______ & _______ was still very wide
      iii. Decline in interest in ___________ __________
   d. __________
      i. Low funds for __________
      ii. _____________ (foreign soldiers) hired who accepted lower pay
      iii. Soldiers were less ____________ and loyal

3. Reform Attempted
   a. __________
      i. Becomes emperor in 284 AD
      ii. Ruled with iron fist and limited personal __________
      iii. Doubled size of __________
      iv. Sought to control __________
      v. Divided: Greek Speaking _____ & Latin Speaking _______
b. ____________________________
   i. __________________ due to vision he had at the battle of Milvian Bridge; victory at Milvian Bridge made him _____ _______ of Rome
   ii. _________________________________
   iii. Issued the _____ of _____ which allowed Christians to ___________
   iv. Moves capital of empire east to _____________; builds new city
   v. New city is later renamed _____________ (in modern day Turkey)
   vi. Eastern empire _________________ due to trade and wealth

4. **Western Empire Crumbles**
   a. The ________ of the Western Roman Empire took place over many years
   b. Collapse was due to:
      i. Worsening _____________ problems
      ii. The separation of the Western Empire from ___________ ________
      iii. Outside _______________
   c. **Germanic Invasions**
      i. Mongol nomads, The Huns, forced __________ peoples on Empire’s borders to push into __________ lands
      ii. Last Roman Emperor, _______________ ____________, ousted by Germanic forces in 476 AD

Result: The ________ Roman Empire was __________ but the ________ empire would continue to ________ as a region known today as ________________

**Constructive Response Question**

Summarize the factors that contributed to the decline of the Roman Empire?