

Problem/Solution:

The only tools that farmers had were sharp digging sticks, made of wood or animal horns that barely broke the hard soil. Around 4,000 B.C., Mesopotamians invented the plow. It seems like such a simple idea: Attach a rope to a heavy, sharp piece of wood and drag it on the ground to make a furrow. However, no one had thought of it before.

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Solution: Mesopotamians invented the plow.

Cause/Effect:

Perhaps the most obvious cause of Rome's fall was the Germanic invasions. Still, these attacks were successful in part because Roman legions of the late empire lacked the discipline and training of past Roman armies. To meet its need for soldiers, Rome hired mercenaries, or foreign soldiers serving for pay, to defend its borders. Many were German warriors who, according to some historians, felt little loyalty to Rome.

Problem: Germanic invasions

Causes:

- Roman legions lacked discipline and training
- Rome hires mercenaries
- Mercenaries (Germans) felt little loyalty to Rome

Effect: Rome's fall

Description or Listing:

Each city-state had everything its people needed. The farmers who lived in villages surrounding the central city provided enough food for all. Artisans, or craft workers, within the city made products that farmers and other city-dwellers used, such as decorated clay pots, blankets, rugs, and jewelry.

Compare/Contrast:

Many people watch television more than they listen to the radio. For this reason, they think television is more important. But the radio has uses we often forget about. The radio helps ships at sea keep in touch with land. Modern air travel would be impossible without the radio. From a high tower, radio beams are flashed over great distances. In each airplane is a special radio that can pick up these beams. A pilot who keeps “on the beam” can travel safely through darkness and fog. Even “blind:” landings can be made with the help of the radio.

Sequence or Time Order (Simple Procedure):

Stanley ran away from Camp Green Lake. First, he had to walk across the hot desert. As soon as he became dehydrated, Stanley started seeing mirages of pools of water. Stanley continued walking and noticed a rock that looked like a thumb. Although he wanted to stop, Stanley kept walking. Eventually he spotted an upside down boat called the Mary Lou. Stanley yelled, and someone yelled back. Suddenly an arm with an orange sleeve came out from under the boat and waved.