

## S.S. Chapter 8: Class Study Notes

### 4 Reasons for the decline of Rome:

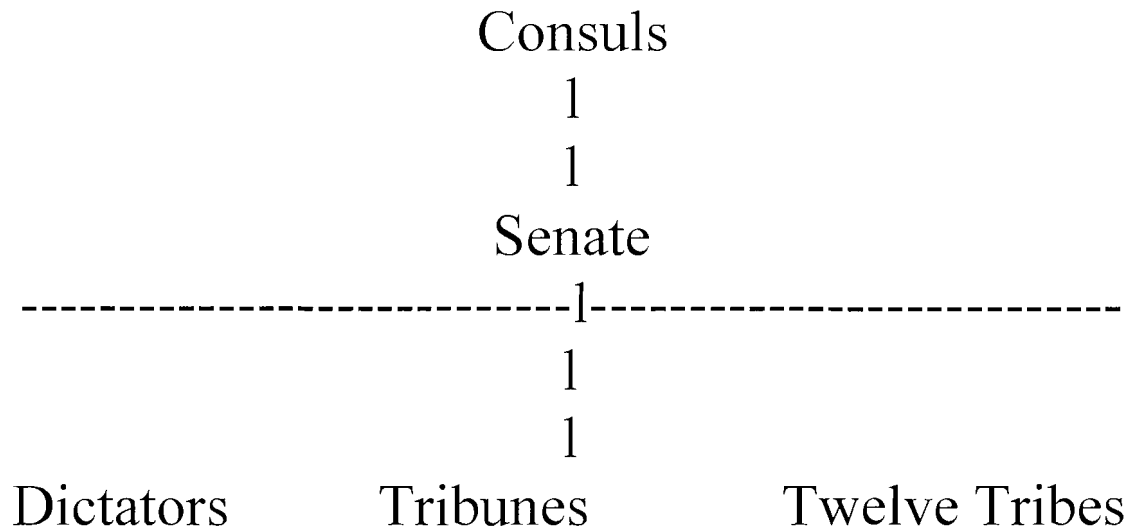
1. Capitol was moved to Byzantium, many people left Rome.
2. Visigoth's invaded and attacked Rome.
3. Rome was no longer near the main activity of the empire.
4. Rome no longer had real power.

### 4 Ways Christianity was spread throughout the Roman Empire:

1. Apostles spread the message of Jesus.
2. Trade makes it easier for Christians ideas to spread.
3. Paul started the Christian churches.

4. The edict of Milan made Christianity an accepted religion in the Roman Empire.

**Flow Chart for the Roman government:**



**Consuls** - 2 people elected every year, led the Roman army and served as judges.

**Senate** - Governing body that advised the Consuls

**Dictator** - Absolute ruler of the empire in times of emergency.

**Tribunes** - Representatives of the Plebeians, could veto laws in order to protect Plebeians.

**12 Tribes** - Written set of laws governing the empire.

### **Facts**

1. **Purpose of a telescoped time line is to take a closer look at events during a given time period.**
2. **To help strengthen Roman government, Augustus Caesar passed laws to make more people eligible for citizenship.**
3. **The rule of Augustus Caesar marked the end of the Roman Republic.**

4. **Julius Caesar** was stabbed to death in **March, 44 B.C.**
5. Rome gained control of territory outside of Italy during the **Punic War.**
6. The early people of the Italian peninsula **did not trade much with outsiders because the area they lived lacked good harbors.**
7. Romulus was the first ruler of the city of Rome, **according to legend.**
8. The main purpose of the Roman road system was to **help the legions move quickly from province to province.**

9. **Constantine moved the capital of the Roman empire from Rome to Byzantium.**
  
10. **Constantine felt that Byzantium was easy to defend and well – located for trade.**
  
11. **Emperor Constantine made Christianity an accepted religion in Rome.**
  
12. **Building methods were borrowed from the Greeks by the Romans.**
  
13. **Roman religion included many of the gods and beliefs of the Greeks.**

14. Augustus asked Roman writers and artists to create works that would stir the people's patriotic feelings.
15. Roman officials arrested and persecuted Christians who discouraged worship of Roman gods.
16. **Christos** is the Greek term for "messiah" thus – Jesus became known as Jesus **Christ**.