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The Legacy of the Roman Empire

Directions: As you watch and listen to the slideshow, fill in the missing pieces of information. When you are done, paste this paper into your history notebook under Unit One. You will refer to this throughout our unit, and use it as a study guide for our quiz.

Big Ideas:

1. At its height in 117 C.E. The Roman Empire spanned the whole of the _____, from northern _____ to the Scottish border, from _____ to Syria. (see p. 7 and map on p. 9)
2. The Roman Empire began to _____ for a variety of reasons:
 - a. Political instability—corrupt _____ who did not care about the _____, only themselves
 - b. Economic and Social problems—Citizens had to _____ for Rome's huge _____ and these _____ hurt the economy. Many people did not have _____, and the wealthy people owned _____. Some leaders like _____ and Caligula wasted lots of _____. A rise in _____ made people unsafe.
 - c. Rome became too _____ to defend. The leaders could not _____ with each other quickly, and Germanic tribes from the north began _____.
3. In 330 C.E. the emperor _____ moved his capital 850 miles away to _____ (Turkey). This split the empire in half, and Rome became the capital of the _____ part of the empire. More Germanic tribes kept invading, and began looting the city of Rome. Finally in 476, the last _____ was driven from his throne. The western half began to dissolve into different _____.
4. Roman _____ lived on, through its murals, mosaics and frescos. The domes, _____ and vaults live on in our architecture, and the _____ and roads live on in our engineering. Many of our words today come from Latin, Rome's official language. Our _____ comes from the Romans, and many of our laws are based on Roman _____.
5. Rome was one of the first empires to try _____. They believed that people had natural _____ (life, liberty, happiness) and that these rights should be protected by a _____. Citizens were protected by these laws, and were supposed to show loyalty to their government in exchange.