# Foreign Invasion

**The Roman Empire experienced many foreign invasions during its fall.**

**Since the days of Julius Caesar, Germanic peoples had gathered on the northern borders of the Empire. Some groups settled into a peaceful farming life. Eventually they adopted Roman ways, such as speaking Latin and becoming Christians. Other groups remained nomads.**

**From 376 C.E. to 476 C.E., huge numbers of Germans poured into Roman territory—Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Angles, Saxons, Burgundians, Alemanrii, and Vandals. Gradually, they overwhelmed the structures of Roman society.**

**In the late 300s C.E a new nomadic Central Asian people, the Huns, stormed out of the east and sent the Germanic tribes fleeing. Imperial defenses in the east managed to hold, but those in the west were soon overwhelmed.**

**A fierce nomadic people, the Huns lived by looting and plundering. They struck terror in the people they attacked. The Germanic Tribes eventually invaded Rome and in 476 C.E Germanic leaders took over Rome and got rid of the emperor establishing control. This became known as the “ fall” of Rome.**

**Directions: Using the documents and images at the station, answer the questions that follow. On the back of this document be prepared to create your own summary synthesizing why foreign invasion helped to cause the fall of Rome in 476 C.E**

Document : Priscus, Roman ambassador to the Huns.

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Document : Map Invasions of the Roman Empire.

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Document : Roman Historian Ammianus Marcellinus. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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