

Quiz #17
Notes
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Famous People:

- **Caligula**
 - crazy emperor who tried to **make his horse a consul**
 - waged a war against Neptune
 - was assassinated by his own soldiers
- **Diocletian**
 - Divided the roman Empire into 2 sections
 - Persecuted Christians for not worshiping/sacrificing to the Roman Gods
- **Constantine**
 - Became Emperor of the Western Roman Empire.
 - Used the Chi-Rho symbol upon his troop's shields during battle to maintain control of the western empire.
 - Issued the **Edict of Milan** - said everyone was free to worship how they wanted.
 - Reunited the Roman Empire
 - Moved capital from Rome to Constantinople (middle of many trade routes)

Issues affecting the fall of the Roman Empire

- Empire is **too big**
- **Cost** to maintain
 - Less food production
 - Increase taxes to pay for military
- **Disease**
- **Barbarians** attacking the Empire

Barbarians

- **Huns**
 - From Central Asia
 - Attila – famous leader
- **Visigoths**
 - AKA “The Goths”
 - Fought with the Romans against the Huns
 - Invaded Rome, took spoils
 - Moved on to Spain
- **Ostrogoths**
 - Cousins of the Visigoths
 - Adopted Roman Culture
 - Theodoric the Great - most famous
- **Vandals**
 - From Jutland (modern Denmark)
 - Steal and destroy their way across the Roman Empire (vandalized it)
 - Sacked Roman cities through Spain and North Africa