

The Decline of Rome

Political Causes	Social Causes	Economic Causes	Military Causes
Oppressive government	Decline of patriotism, discipline, and devotion to duty	Increase in taxes to support army and bureaucracy	Series of Germanic invasions
Increased government corruption	Devotion of upper classes to luxury and prestige	Decrease in productivity of farmland	Soldiers lacked discipline and training
Division of empire	Self-reliance of masses undermined	Reliance on slave labor	Little loyalty among hired soldiers
Internal power struggles		Population decline caused by war and disease	

