**Station 8**

**Fall of Rome Silver/Purple Directions**

**Why did the Roman Empire fall?**

**Complete the following tasks on page 88 of your spiral**

1. What is a theory?
2. Write down two ideas you believe were the reasons why Rome fell?
3. Create the following chart on page 88 of you spiral

**10 Theories on the Fall of Rome**

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| Barbarian Invasions | Inflation |
| Decline in Morals | Political Corruption |
| Environmental and Public Health Problems | Rise in Christianity |
| Excessive Military Spending to Defend Empire | Unemployment |
| Inferior Technology | Urban Decay |

1. Historians have many different theories about why the Roman Empire eventually broke apart and the Western Empire eventually fell. Today you will investigate these theories. As you read through the theories from the provided reading, identify 2-3 key ideas for each of the theories and write those ideas in the appropriate boxes in your graphic organizer.
2. Once you have investigated these theories, determine the top three reasons why the Roman Empire fell.

<https://sites.google.com/site/noms7thgradesocialstudies/world-history-units/unit5ancientrome2014/fallofrome-430>