

Guided Essay: What Were the Primary Reasons for The “Fall” of Rome?

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Grabber

B. Background information: Include time (dates), place (location), and story

C. Restatement of the question, including a definition of “fall” as used here

D. Thesis and Road Map: There were three significant reasons for the “fall” of Rome:

_____ ,
_____ ,

and _____ .

Of these, the most important reason was _____ .

II. BODY PARAGRAPH #1 (Reason One: _____)

A. Baby Thesis: One important reason that Rome fell was

B. Evidence that this was a problem is

C. Argument: This problem helps explain why Rome “fell” because

III. BODY PARAGRAPH #2 (Reason Two: _____)

A. Baby Thesis: A second important reason that Rome fell was _____

B. Evidence that this was a problem is _____

C. Argument: This problem contributed to Rome's "fall" because _____

IV. BODY PARAGRAPH #3 (Reason Three: _____)

A. Baby Thesis: While the first two reasons are important, the primary reason that Rome fell was _____

B. Evidence that this was a serious problem is _____

C. Argument: This was the most important factor in Rome's "fall" because _____

V. CONCLUSION

A. Although statement: It is true that there are other reasons that explain Rome's decline. These include _____

B. However, the three reasons presented above – _____, _____, and especially _____ – provide the best explanation why Rome finally crumbled in the 5th century CE.