

Learning Activity Template

Title: Fall of the Roman Empire

Curriculum: World History

Grade-Level Span: Tenth Grade

PURPOSE:

Find causes for the fall of the Roman Empire

DESCRIPTION:

Students will research causes for the fall of the Roman Empire and report on their findings

ACTIVITIES	CURRICULUM STANDARDS	NETS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Use on-line resources to research causes for the fall of the Roman Empire	III, B, The student will demonstrate knowledge of ancient Rome from about 500BC to 500 AD and its influence in relation to other contemporary civilizations	5
Use a word processor to report on research findings describing the fall of the Roman Empire	III, B, The student will demonstrate knowledge of ancient Rome from about 500BC to 500 AD and its influence in relation to other contemporary civilizations	3

TOOLS AND RESOURCES:

(List all Web sites, specific software and hardware, and other needs.)

Computer, Printer, Internet Explorer, Claris Works

www.killenroos.com/1/Romefall.htm

www.ccel.org/g/gibbon/decline/home.html

ASSESSMENT:

(How will you assess the students' learning? If you have a rubric, record it here. Be as specific as possible.)

Students will match reasons for the fall of Rome with those listed in the textbook. They will also provide an explanation of the impact of each cause.

CREDITS (INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION):

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COMMENTS:

(Have you taught this learning activity before? What are the great ah ha's/experiences you had?)

The great aha comes when students see the similarities between ancient Rome and the current United States.