1. 26 emperors in 50 years

2. high taxes to support the army (mercenaries)

3. farmland went bad

4. huge tax burden on middle class

5. serfdom for poor farmers

6. inflation

7. solutions are temporary fixes

8. Huns push Germanic people into Rome – immigration overwhelming

9. Goths sack Rome/ Vandals move through Gaul and Spain

10. 476 Emperor of Rome – Odoacer – ousted as Emperor

11. Authoritarian made people fearful of government

12. Dividing the empire - stronger did not want to help the weaker

13. slave labor discouraged them from new technology

14. climate change reduced agricultural production

15. Bread and Circuses