

WORLD HISTORY
GREEKS AND ROMANS
THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

In AD 476, Rome's empire officially ceased to exist. Many things caused this loss of power:

1. Roman soldiers were no longer loyal to the rulers of Rome; they thought only about the pay they received.
2. Political rulers were no longer revered by the people because of conflicts over the gap between the rich and the poor and the Christian faith.
3. Inflation caused Rome's money to become worthless.
4. People were no longer patriotic.
5. Germanic tribes began to invade Rome.