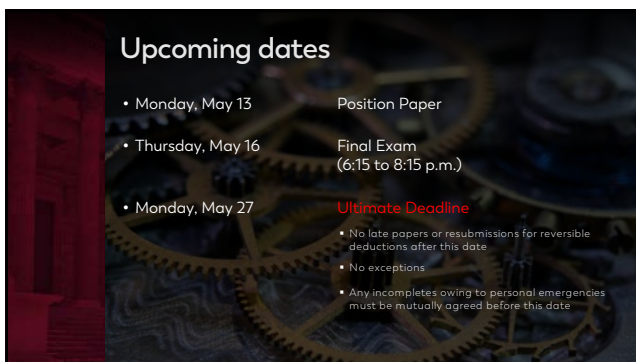




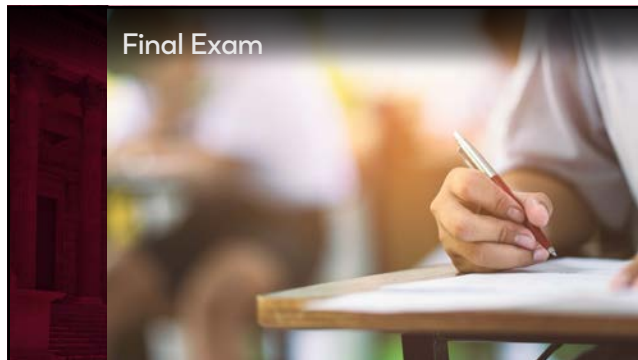
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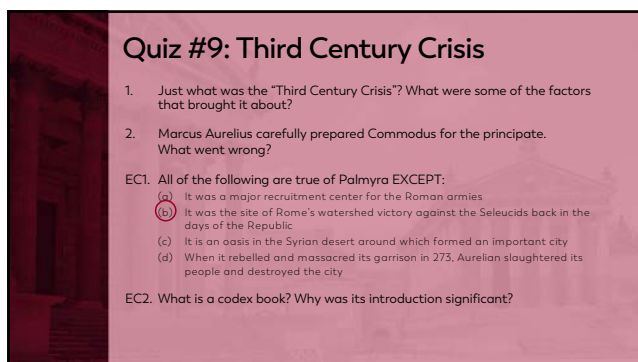
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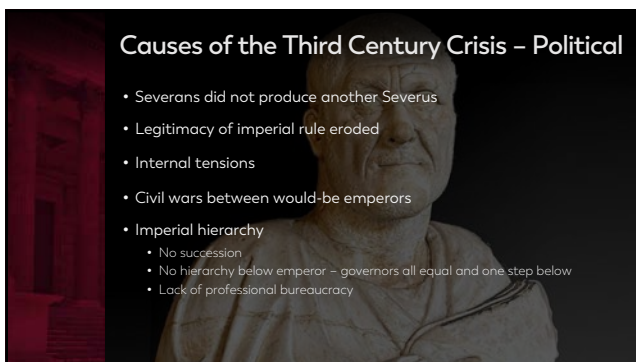
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Causes of the Third Century Crisis – Military

- Pressure on frontiers
 - Closing of the frontiers
 - Barbarian confederacies
 - New peoples arriving from east
 - Sasanians in Persia supplant Parthians and challenge Rome
- Not enough manpower or money
- Civil wars between would-be emperors

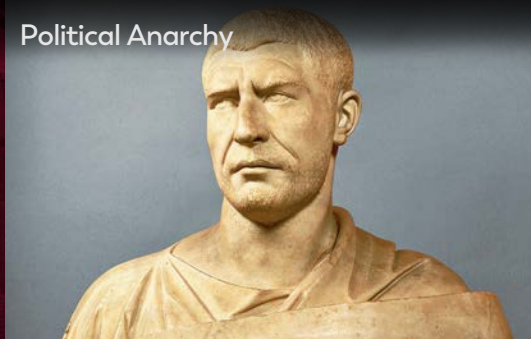
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Causes of the Third Century Crisis – Economic

- Rising cost of military
- Debasement
- Taxation
- Depopulation
 - Plague in Italy, other important cities
 - Resulting famine
- Strain on system leads to greater oppression of locals
- Christian persecutions

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Political Anarchy



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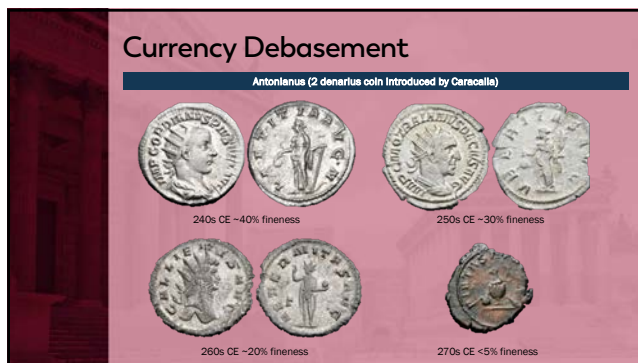
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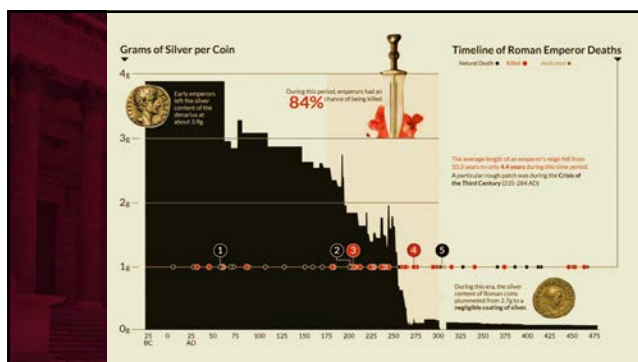
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Economic fallout

- Inflationary spiral
 - Inflation in prices
 - Collapse of currency
- Shortfall in precious metals
- Decline of trade and commerce
- Reduced demand for manufactured goods
- Depletion of skilled labor
- Disruption of agriculture
- Tax levies on provinces are in fixed amounts
 - Costs of legions and administration rise
 - Requisitions in kind

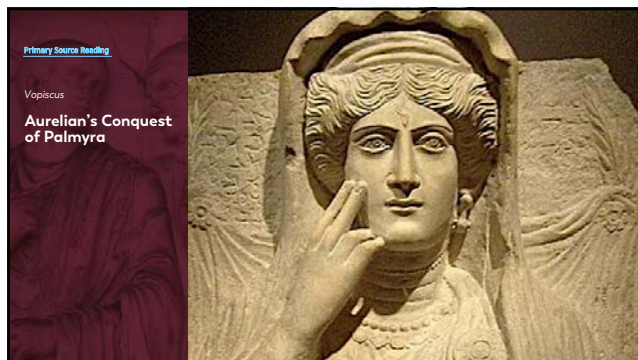
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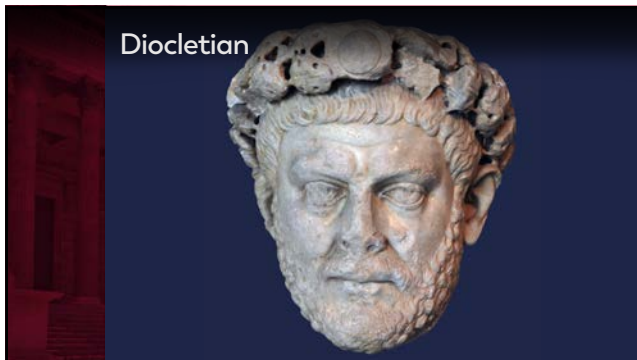
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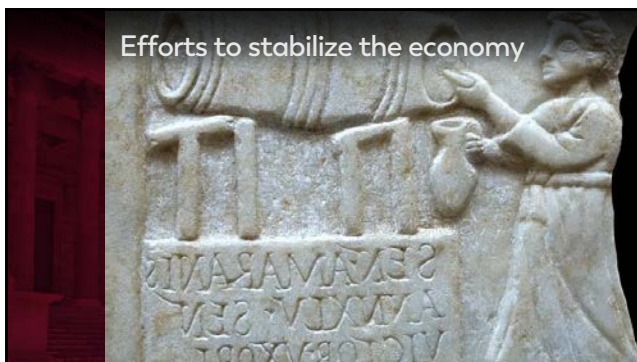
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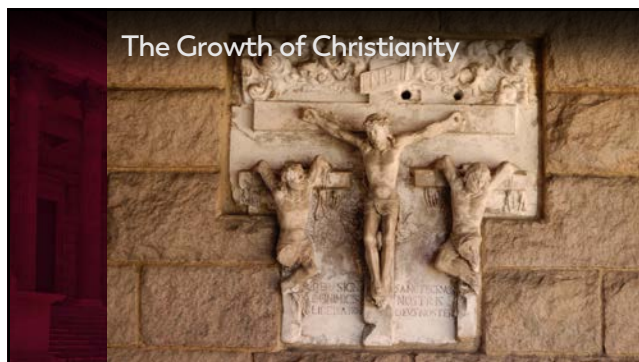
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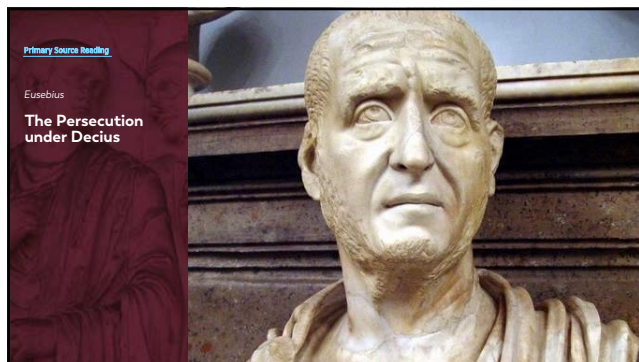
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Christianity as a state religion

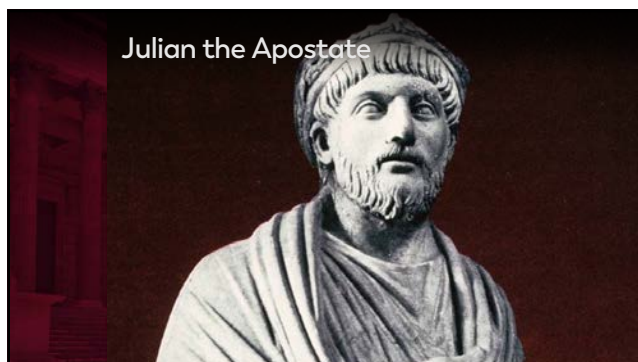
- Council of Nicaea (325)
 - Nicene creed
 - Filioque
- Orthodoxy and heresy
 - Christology
 - Gnosticism
 - Donatists
 - Arianism
 - Monophysitism
 - Nestorianism



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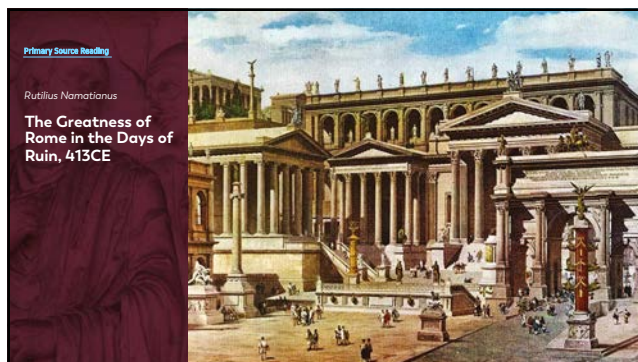
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Fall of the West

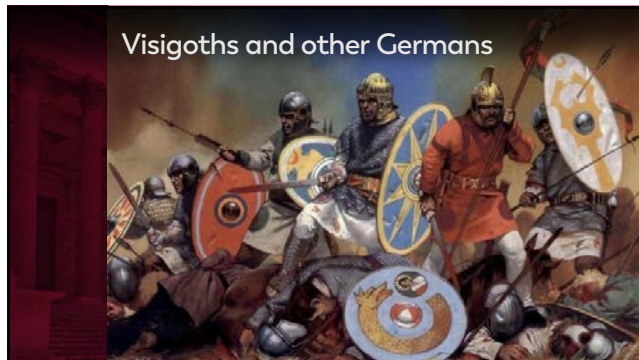
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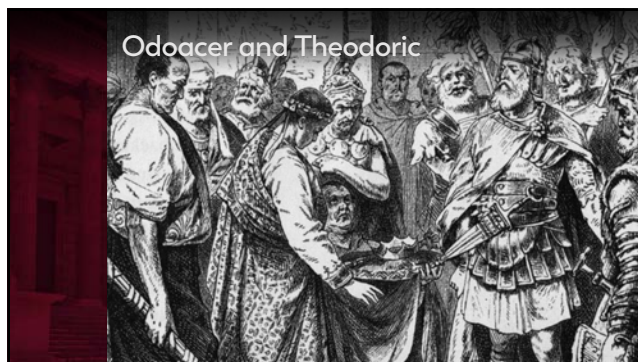
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Byzantine emperors

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Constantinople

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Successors to the Romans

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Roman questions

- Why Rome?
- Why Carthage? Why Hannibal?
- What made the Republic fall?
- What made the Western Empire fall?
- Why did the Eastern Empire endure?
- Did Christianization save the Empire, or destroy it?
- What was the Roman idea? How did it change?
- What is Rome's legacy for us?

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The Roman idea



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