**World History #17**

**Fall Of Rome**

The collapse of the Roman Empire

Decline in:

Roads and bridges

Centralized military to local

Villa became a castle

Roman law became Germanic law

The only centralized power was the Church of Rome

Possible reasons for collapse:

Forces from within Empire decline of centralized government

Forces from outside Empire

Soldiers were tied to general for pay and not the Senate

Lead pipes slowly poisoning

Germans and others seeking wealth of Rome

Great Wall of China turned nomad west

Too large to control? – split into two parts East and West

711A.D. Muslims invaded Iberian Peninsula from South with organized religion and weapons

the European were unable to control and conquer

Prayer for protection from

768 A.D. Charlemagne - Monarchies gain power

800 A.D. Vikings invade from North – no organized religion

The Dane’s - England raids Iceland, Greenland & Vineland

The Rus - raids east into Russia and the Mediterranean

The Norsemen – raids in France and stayed in Normandy

Prayer for protection

Norse gods

Odin in North - Woden in South sit in Valhalla

Thor = god of thunder - Thursday

Tyr

Frigga - Friday

Siegfried

Berserkers – warriors

Vikings were controlled and conquered by making them Christian peasants

899 A.D. Magyars invade Europe from East with no organized religion they were controlled and

conquered by making Christian serfs

Prayers for protection

962 A.D. Holy Roman Empire – 7 members – picked weakest to rule

1000 A.D. Vineland - Leif Ericson - son of Eric the Red

1241 A.D. The Mongols invaded Europe

Western Empire fell in 476 A.D.