**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.