

# The Collapse of Empires

Essential Question: Explain the cause and effect of the collapse of empires. Is America on the verge of collapse today?

Learning Target:

\_\_\_\_\_ I can describe the common forces of change that led to the collapse of empires, and the resulting consequences.

- Through use of your textbook, please complete the following:

Define “empire”-

What makes an empire different from a nation?

- In general, in your opinion, why do you think an empire would collapse? List three reasons.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- Create a chart comparing the fall of the following empires/dynasties:

Empire/ Dynasty	Location	Date of Collapse	Reason:	Reason:	Reason:	Reason:
Rome 6.5						
Qin 8.1 or Han 8.2						
Mauryan 8.3 or Gupta 8.3						

U.S.	U.S/ North America	2014	Reason:	Reason:	Reason:	Reason:
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- Using the internet, research whether or not you believe the U.S is on the brink of collapse according to the reasons stated above. Be sure to have a specific fact with citations for each reason (four total) to backup your claim. Use the above space to record your research.
- Next, using the 2-1-1- strategy, construct an introductory paragraph addressing the following: *The U.S. is on the brink of collapse. Assess the validity of this statement.*