Instructions: Read the following text and answer the comprehension questions bellow. Annotate the text for reasons why you think the Roman Empire collapsed. 

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| **Question**  | **Your Answer**  | **Best Evidence to Support Your Claim (write out the quote)** |
| How many years passed between Rome’s early days as a sleepy little settlement and its invasion in the 5th century CE? |  |  |
|  What was the Pax Romana?  |  |  |
| In what way did the form of the Roman government change around the time of Julius Caesar? |  |  |
| Beginnning inn the 3rd century, Rome was developing a “soft belly.” What does that mean? |  |  |