

Based on the summaries of why these three empires fell, complete the chart below. In the first column are some of the different problems that some (or all) of these empires faced. For each problem, work with a partner to determine if it was:

- Internal (coming from inside the empire)
- External (coming from outside the empire)

Place a check mark in the column for Internal or External based on what you think.

Then, code each problem using the letters below. For example, if you think a problem had to do with economics, put an E in the "Type of Problem" column. You can use more than one code for a factor if you think more than one applies.

- E=Economic (having to do with trade, production, taxes, etc.)
- P=Political (having to do with laws, government, military conflict, etc.)
- S=Social (having to do with social hierarchies and levels, inequality, etc.)
- C=Cultural (having to do with belief systems, ways of living, etc.)
- N=Natural Environment (coming in some way from the natural environment)

Finally, write in the names of the empires that experienced each particular problem (this might include one of the empires, two of them, or all three).

Problems that were key factors in the fall of empires	Internal	External	Type of Problem (E,P, S, C, or N)	Which empires did this apply to?
Taxes				
Corruption				
Warfare				
Drought and/or floods				
Social unrest / rebellion				
Disease				
Invasions from outside forces				