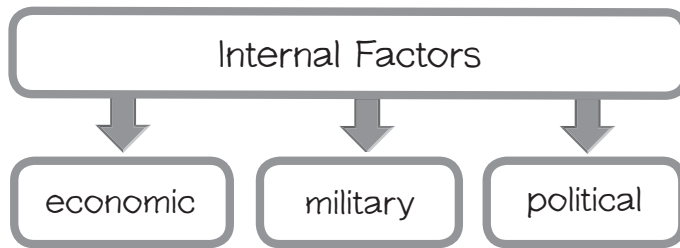


## Reading Skill and Strategy

### Reading Skill: Categorizing

To **categorize** is to sort people, objects, ideas, or other information into groups, called categories. Historians categorize information to help them identify and understand patterns in historical events. Use the graphic here to list the internal factors that weakened the Roman Empire.



### READING STRATEGY: QUESTIONS

1. Read “Rome Divides into East and West.” Then create your own graphic organizer to categorize the actions taken by Diocletian and Constantine.

2. Read “Internal Weaknesses Threaten Rome.” Then pick two major internal problems and describe how each weakened the Roman Empire.

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