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**Purpose**

As we wrap up this lesson, you will reflect on the different factors that cause societies to collapse. This framework will help you in the next lesson where you will examine specific examples of societies that collapsed.

## Process

1. The article “Empires Fall” presents two general measures that help us evaluate the health of empires: cost and cohesion. Using evidence from the article, write one or two sentences or create a bulleted list detailing factors involved in assessing each of these measures.

*Cost:*

* *Example: Population decline means that empires have fewer subjects to collect taxes from.*

*Cohesion:*

* *Example: Authorities marginalized and mistreated outside groups and conquered people.*

1. Take a minute to share your responses with a partner.