The Dark Ages

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1. a. **Explain the term *the* *Dark Ages*.**

**When was it?**

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**What was it?**

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**Why did it occur?**

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b. **Explain the term *barbarian*.**

**What was a barbarian?**

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**Why do you think the term was derogatory (insulting)?**

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2. **Explain what is meant by ‘Not all of Rome was lost [in 476 CE], though.’**

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3. a. **Why don’t historians and archaeologists like using the term *the* *Dark Ages*?**

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b. **Fill in the columns below to summarise the positive and negative consequences of the fall of Rome on western Europe.**

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