Collapse of an Empire Assessment—Byzantine Brackets

**Name:**

**Date:**

Step 1:

Identify four different reasons that answer the question and rank them in the spaces provided (1 being the most important reason, 4 being the least). For each one, name it and briefly explain how it contributed to the decline.

**Question: What were the greatest causes of the decline of the Byzantine Empire?**

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| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |
| 4. |

Step 2:

Compare the causes and choose a winner. In complete sentences for each, summarize information from the lesson to explain why you chose that cause over the other.

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| **First Round—Fill in the causes you identified in step 1.** | **Identify which cause won and explain why you think it is a greater cause of the decline of the Byzantines.** |
| **Cause 1 versus Cause 4** **→** | **Winner 1 and explanation:** |
| **Cause 2 versus Cause 3 →** | **Winner 2 and explanation:** |

Step 3:

Compare the winners of the first round to identify the cause you found most significant. Explain your choice in complete sentences.

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| **Final Round—Which cause wins between Winner 1 and Winner 2 above? Why?** |
| **Overall winner and your explanation:** |