

## You Wouldn't Want to be a Gladiator Worksheet

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This assignment should give you a good idea of what a gladiator would have gone through from pre-capture until his almost inevitable death in the ring.

Read the directions on the front page of the website to see where you can get all the information

### **Your Fate Awaits:**

It says the Romans invaded your land 100 years ago... under what Roman general did the Romans invade Gaul?

What were the potential fates for a prisoner of war, captured by the Romans?

### **Gotcha!**

How does the Roman military fight compared to that of the Gauls?

### **Goodbye to your former life**

What would the Romans have done to your family when you became a slave?

### **What's next?**

What hardships would slaves have faced on their way to Rome?

### **Sold!**

What unit of currency did the Romans use?

How would Roman slave dealers let people know about the "condition" of their slaves?

### **Your Fate**

How would slaves have been incorporated into the Roman military?

### **Oh No!**

What is a *ludus gladiatorius*?

Why might the Romans want to have their gladiators train with fake swords until they knew what they were doing? (Hint\*\* don't say "they would die..." WHY would Romans care about their slaves dying?)

### **Training**

How would slave masters make sure their gladiators practiced hard?

### **Staff and Pupils**

What were some (4) of the types of people who could be condemned to the life of a gladiator?

### **Who's who in the arena?**

Describe three "types" of gladiators. What types of weapons do they have?

1)

2)

3)

If you had to be one of these kinds of gladiators, which would you want to be and why?

### **Ouch: Let him Have it Will you live or will you die?**

Who decides whether you live or die? How? (there are multiple answers to this)

What are the potential outcomes for a defeated opponent?