



## *Create a Gladiator Scrapbook*

You are a famous gladiator about to retire from competition. You decide to look at the scrapbook that contains the highlights of your illustrious career.

### **Your scrapbook must contain the following information:**

1. Your name (Were gladiators Roman citizens? What kinds of names would they have?)
2. Date and place of your birth (Where did the gladiators come from? Your date of birth must correlate with #7 below)
3. What specific type of gladiator are you? What were your armor and weapons?
4. Where did you train? For how long did you train? (What is a lanista? What did you think of your lanista?)
5. After you were trained, where did you fight? How many fights did you have per year? How long have you been fighting?
6. Describe the Roman audience that came to see you fight. (Consider social classes, attitudes towards the gladiators)
7. Did a Roman emperor ever see you fight? Who was it (Choose a specific emperor. Trajan, Commodus or Caligula are some interesting choices. Why?)
8. Did you know any female gladiators?
9. Did you become rich and famous?
10. Reflect upon the nature of politics and gladiatorial games. What purpose did the games serve for the emperors? For the people? For the Roman state?

### **Bibliography**

Use books in the school library or in Mr. Webb's library for your research, or you may find books or articles independently. You must use a total of at least THREE sources. You may use only ONE website.

The only permissible websites for RESEARCHING FACTS for your scrapbook are:

- ✓ <http://depthome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/classics/gladiator/index.htm>
- ✓ <http://www.vroma.org/~bmcmanus/arena.html>
- ✓ <http://ablemedia.com/ctcweb/consortium/gladiators.html>

You may use other websites to ILLUSTRATE your scrapbook.



## Grading Criteria

### *Content*

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| ✓ ALL requested data is provided    | 50 points |
| ✓ Complete bibliography (3 sources) | 5 points  |
| ✓ 10 Latin words/phrases are used   | 10 points |

### *Presentation:*

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| ✓ neat and readable  | 10 points |
| ✓ Grammar and spelling perfect   | 10 points |
| ✓ Illustrated (drawings, magazine/computer photos, etc.)   | 10 points |
| ✓ Contains interesting mementos, i.e., physical evidence of career (locks of hair, facsimile of graffiti about you, parchment love letters, replica of a rudis, a bit of net if you are a retiarius, etc.) | 5 points  |

*TOTAL:*

*100 points*

## Groups and Due Date

You may **not** work in groups on this project. The project will be due on **Friday, April 4.**