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The Gladiators Fik Meijer
2007-03-06 An analysis of the
private and public lives of
ancient Rome's gladiators
explores how they were both

despised for their lowly status
and hero-worshipped for their
skills and courage, chronicling
how tens of thousands of
gladiators perished publicly
over the course of six hundred

years. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

Gladiators Ben Hubbard
2011-08-05 Around 180 CE, in the lavish amphitheatres of the Roman Empire, trained gladiators entertained vast audiences by fighting to the death. Armed with a sword, a lance or a harpoon, the gladiator faced his opponent: a wild animal ready to strike, or a condemned criminal looking to save his own life. When the duel began, bloodthirsty spectators cheered, applauding every severed limb and spurt of blood. Ultimately, there could be only one outcome in the gladiatorial arena - one dead body, and one victorious champion. From the Samurai in Japan to Muhammad Ali in the boxing ring, *Gladiators* traces the evolution of one-to-one combat through the ages. Contents includes Emperors and Gladiators, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Who Were the Gladiators? The Colosseum, Spartacus Samurai : The Way of the Warrior, Wandering Swordsmen, The First Samurai, The Last Samurai

Medieval Tournaments: A Day at the Melee, Bohort, Pas d'armes, The Jousts, Armour Duelling: The Duel of Honour, Sword Duels, Pistol Duels, Duellists and Duels Also includes Boxing, Gunmen and Fighter Pilots

Lift the Lid on Gladiators
Philip Wilkinson 2002 This addition to our Lift the Lid series combines education with excitement as kids explore the history of the famed Roman warriors. The 32page book introduces readers to the city-state of Rome in its glory days, with detailed sections on gladiatorial training, combat, weapons, pageantry, and architecture of the Colosseum. The kit includes a realistic, scale-model gladiator figure with metallic helmet, sword, shield, and other pieces; Colosseum card model; calculi game board and playing pieces; foldout maps of the Roman Empire; and more!

The Roman Gladiators and the Colosseum Charles River Charles River Editors
2018-02-21 *Includes pictures.
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gladiatorial games and other spectacles. *Explains how the Colosseum was designed and built, as well as how seating was arranged. *Describes the different classes of Roman gladiators and the armor and weaponry they used. *Includes footnotes and a bibliography for further reading. "He vows to endure to be burned, to be bound, to be beaten, and to be killed by the sword." - The gladiator's oath, according to Petronius in the Satyricon. When the Colosseum was built in the late 1st century A.D., the Romans, a people known for their architectural acumen, managed to amaze themselves. Martial, a Roman poet writing during the inauguration of the Colosseum, clearly believed the Colosseum was so grand a monument that it was even greater than the other Wonders of the Ancient World, which had been written about and visited endlessly by the Romans and Greeks in antiquity. Indeed, although the Wonders were wondrous to behold, the Colosseum was a spectacular achievement in architecture,

something new and innovative, and therefore an amazing "Wonder" in its own way. The Colosseum was designed to be both a symbol and show of strength by the famous Flavian emperors, most notably Vespasian and his sons Titus and Domitian. Vespasian had started the construction of the Colosseum shortly after becoming emperor in 69 A.D., but he died before he could present any spectacles in his giant amphitheatre. That honor went to his son Titus, who celebrated the inaugural opening in 80 A.D. with 100 days of games, despite the fact that the Colosseum was not completely finished. When his brother Domitian came to power in 81 A.D., he finished the amphitheatre, but not without making some changes to the overall design. By the time it was truly finished, the Colosseum stood about 150 feet tall, with the oval in the center stretching nearly two football fields long and over 500 feet across. The Colosseum is a large stadium even by today's standards, and its great

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The Real Gladiator: The True Story of Maximus Decimus Meridius

Tony Sullivan 2022-05-30 "Are you not entertained?" shouts

Russell Crowe, playing the part of General Maximus Decimus Meridius in the Oscar winning 2000 film *Gladiator*. The crowd, having witnessed Maximus defeating several gladiators, cheer in response. Film goers too were indeed entertained with the film grossing nearly half a billion dollars. This book covers the historical events that film was based on. From the Germanic wars on the northern frontier to the gladiatorial arena in Rome. From the philosopher emperor, Marcus Aurelius to the palace intrigues during the reign of his son. We will discover how Commodus really died and which of the characters actually fought in the arena. Readers will meet two generals, Pompeianus and Maximianus, who most resemble our hero General Maximus. Also Lucilla, the sister of Commodus, who in reality married her General, but detested him. The book also focuses on warfare, weapons and contemporary battles. It will compare the battle and fight scenes in the film with reality from contemporary

sources and modern tests and reenactments. The reader will discover that fact is not only stranger than fiction, it is often more entertaining. The real history was certainly as much, if not more, treacherous, bloodthirsty, murderous and dramatic than anything the film industry has created. Anyone who answered "yes!" to the question posed by Russell Crowe's character in the film, will indeed be entertained by this book.

A Lover's Sword W.M.

Kirkland 2017-12-17 Fabius never wanted to be a gladiator, but the priesthood--his true calling--wouldn't accept him. When a flash of white light takes his partner Dursus from the arena, leaving him alone to face Brutus' wrath, Fabius is certain this is the end. The gods have exacted their payment--by sending him through time? Max studied the legend of the five gladiators who disappeared without a trace. He never imagined the final one would arrive on his doorstep. For a professor of Roman history, Fabius' arrival is like a dream

come true. For the man, his body is an exquisite marvel and one in which he can take hours of pleasure. The sword he'd been studying may have belonged to a gladiator. Now, it belongs to his lover and the legend has come full circle.

By the Sword Richard A. Cohen 2002 A history of sword fighting ranges from ancient times to the present-day, profiling great swordsmen and exploring the cultural and social implications of fencing.

The Emperor Commodus

John S. McHugh 2015-08-31 Commodus is synonymous with debauchery and megalomania, best remembered for fighting as a gladiator. Ridiculed and maligned by historians since his own time, modern popular culture knows him as the patricidal villain in Ridley Scott's *Gladiator*. Much of his infamy is clearly based on fact, but is this the full story? John McHugh reviews the ancient evidence to present the first full-length biography of Commodus in English. His twelve-year reign is set in its historical context, showing that

the 'kingdom of gold' he supposedly inherited was actually an empire devastated by plague and war. Openly autocratic, Commodus compromised the privileges and vested interests of the senatorial clique, who therefore plotted to murder him.

Surviving repeated conspiracies only convinced Commodus that he was under divine protection, increasingly identifying himself as Hercules reincarnate. This and his antics in the arena allowed his senatorial enemies to present Commodus as a mad tyrant to justify his murder, which they finally succeeded in arranging by having him strangled by a wrestler.

The Gladiator Alan Baker

2010-12-23 Alan Baker weaves an extraordinary, vivid picture of Roman life as his compelling and evocative history tells the story of Rome's most notable gladiators. They were condemned and feared by emperors, slaughtered and adored by the masses and worshipped by their female fans, yet their lives were invariably violently short.

Whether their enemy was a starved tiger or a battle-hardened criminal, their numbered days were dark and bloody. Yet men gave up their wealth and freedom to become gladiators and noble-women gave up their positions to be with them. The Gladiator illuminates the extraordinary lives of Spartacus, Commodus, Eppia and others - bringing the same energy and passion to the page that Ridley Scott's cinematic triumph bough to the screen.

Gladiators Michael Martin 2007 "Describes Roman gladiators, including their history, weapons, and way of life."

Gladiators Vs Zombies Sean-Michael Argo 2012-11-01 The Gods of the Arena and the Walking Dead clash in this thrilling 'sword & sandal' zombie apocalypse. Lanista Laeca is the master of a gladiator school in Rome that has fallen on hard times. His business of providing skilled fighters for the Coliseum has begun to fail, and he is desperate to find a new spectacle of glory and battle to

please the bloodthirsty crowds. He finds his answer in the cannibal corpse creatures brought to him from a distant land by a retired soldier, and soon the gladiators of House Laeca are being pitted against ravenous beasts that once were men. Will sword and shield win victory over tooth and claw?

Gladiators Ben Hubbard

2016-12-15 The Gladiator is an icon of Roman culture, of sports economy, and of brave and brutal combat. This title in the Conquerors and Combatants series reveals the importance of gladiators as cultural heroes, enslaved athletes who were vital to the economy, and as political actors whose victories and sacrifices both entertained and subdued the Roman population. Illustrations, photos, and artifacts complement details about the gladiators' lives, fighting styles, revolts, and political impacts. In Gladiators readers discover who gladiators were, how they shaped their society, and why they remain glorified icons of combat and culture.

The Life of a Gladiator Ruth

Owen 2018-08-01 Two heavily armed fighters face each other in the Colosseum of ancient Rome. They are about to take part in the deadliest sport the world has ever known. Only one man will leave the arena alive. This is the brutal world of the Roman gladiator.

The Gladius M.C. Bishop 2016-11-17 One of the most feared weapons in the ancient world, the gladius was lethal both on the battlefield and in the arena. Literary sources tell of the terror it inspired, while archaeological evidence of wounds inflicted is testament to its deadly effect. By pulling together strands of literary, sculptural and archaeological evidence renowned expert M.C. Bishop creates a narrative of the gladius' development, exploring the way in which the shape of the short sword changed as soldiers and gladiators evolved their fighting style. Drawing together historical accounts, excavated artefacts and the results of the latest scientific analyses of the blades, this volume reveals the development, technology,

training and use of the gladius hispaniensis: the sword that conquered the Mediterranean.

By the Sword Richard Cohen 2010-06-10 The art and science of sword fighting goes back almost to the dawn of civilization and has been an obsession for much of mankind throughout recorded history. From the Roman arena to feudal Japan and from the duellists of Europe to the development of modern-day Olympic fencing, Richard Cohen traces the course of swordsmanship with wit and erudition in a fascinating and wonderfully discursive account. Packed with anecdote, superbly written and built on a solid foundation of historical research, this is a tribute to a deadly but beautiful skill, the mastery of which for centuries defined a man.

Gladiator Science Allison Lassieur 2017-09-07 [Gladiators and Beast Hunts](#) Christopher Epplett 2015-09-30 [Gladiators and Beast Hunts](#) is a comprehensive survey of arena sports in ancient Rome, focusing upon gladiatorial

combat and the beast-hunts (venationes). Whilst numerous books have already been written on arena spectacles in ancient Rome, they generally neglect the venationes, despite the fact that the beast-hunts, in which men were pitted in mortal combat against various dangerous wild animals (including lions, tigers, elephants and rhinos), were almost as popular as gladiatorial spectacles and were staged over a longer period of time. Dr Christopher Epplett, gives a full and detailed treatment of both types of spectacle. The author starts by explaining the origins of these bloody combat sports in the late Roman Republic, before surveying the growth of these events during the first two centuries of the Empire, when emperors possessed the resources to stage arena spectacles on an unmatched scale. The details of the training, equipment and fighting styles used by different types of combatants are covered, as are the infrastructure of the arenas and

behind-the-scenes organization that was essential to the successful staging of arena events. Particular attention will be paid to the means by which Roman spectacle organizers were able to procure the countless wild animals necessary for the staging of venationes throughout the Empire. This is a gladiator book with added bite and sure to be welcomed by scholars and general readers alike.

Gladiators and Caesars Eckart Köhne 2000-01-01 Describes the events and games held in the amphitheaters, circuses, and theaters in ancient Rome.

Gladiators M. C. Bishop 2018-12-15 Gladiators have been the subject of fascination and legend for centuries, whether they were fighting fellow gladiators, exotic animals, or participating in hunts. Readers will be engrossed in the history of this potentially deadly sport, its development, and its rise and fall. This tell-all text covers the wide variety of warriors who took part in this vicious combat, their armor, weapons, and their

lives including their stardom, the less-than-glamorous, and the gruesome. This enlightening resource also features the equipment, weapons, and armor that made for the most grisly entertainment, bringing crowds to their feet, in both horror and delight.

Gladiator Simon Scarrow
2011-02-03 Rome, 61 BC
RECRUITED as a gladiator, young Marcus Cornelius Primus faces a new life of brutal training, governed by strict rules, as he learns the skills of an elite warrior. But Marcus cannot simply forget his past. His father lies murdered by soldiers and his mother has been kidnapped and forced into slavery. Marcus is determined to find his father's old commander, Pompeius the Great, to seek justice for his family and set his mother free. Yet, unbeknown to him, Marcus is hiding a life-threatening secret. And if the Romans discover it, there will be no escape . . .

Fighting Gladiator Dwight C. Mclemore 2018-01-09 When it

comes to fighting manuals, Dwight McLemore's Fighting Weapons series (including books on the tomahawk, staff, sword, and Bowie and other big knives) has earned him a legion of loyal followers. Now in a labor of love that took decades to complete, McLemore incorporates his eclectic knowledge of combat techniques into this long-awaited manual on the bloody and brutal sport of gladiatorial combat. As always, McLemore's focus in *The Fighting Gladiator* is on training and fighting techniques. His book presents one-on-one, squared-off, dueling-type fighting in the context of a blood sport fought to the death before cheering crowds. To prepare this manual, McLemore scoured everything he could find-including scholarly papers, contemporary sources, and surviving pieces of art-to learn about gladiator fighting arts, including equipment, pairings with various opponents, how the gladiator games were organized and conducted, and the operation of gladiator

training schools. From his research, he distilled his own curriculum featuring five types of gladiators from Rome's imperial period: the murmillo, thraex, provocator, dimacherus, and hoplomachus. Richly illustrated with hundreds of McLemore's signature dynamic drawings, as well as dozens of specific combat training tasks and engagement sparring sets, *The Fighting Gladiator* is for martial artists of all disciplines—or for anyone who just wants to learn more about the "sports superstars" of ancient Rome!

Gladiators Susan Nichols
2017-01-01

Those About to Die Daniel Mannix 2014-01-13
Thousands flocked to see gladiators, charioteers, wild animals, women and children hacked, crucified, torn to pieces, ravished, burned, and drown. Biographies, paintings, historical evidence and an author's imagination merge to tell the story of one of history's most ruthless exhibitions—the Roman games.

Gladiator Martin M. Winkler
2004-05-21
This is the first

book to analyze Ridley Scott's film *Gladiator* from historical, cultural, and cinematic perspectives. The first systematic analysis of Ridley Scott's film, *Gladiator*. Examines the film's presentation of Roman history and culture. Considers its cinematic origins and traditions. Draws out the film's modern social and political overtones. Includes relevant ancient sources in translation.

Sword of Rome Richard Foreman 2019-11-16
'The coming man of historical fiction.' Saul David. Rome, 51 BC... The centurion Lucius Oppius has left the battlefields of Gaul to venture to Rome. But he is about to discover the capital of the Empire can be every bit as dangerous as its provinces. Under orders from Caesar to secure an item of intelligence that will help him become a Consul again Oppius is manipulated into taking part in a gladiatorial contest. The soldier must not only fight his enemies in the arena however. Marcus Porcius Cato warns "Caesar's Champion" that

victory inside the arena will bring death outside of it. Oppius soon discovers that while in Gaul your the enemies stand before you in a shield wall in Rome they stab you in the back. 'Sword of Rome: Gladiator' is an action-packed novella that takes you into the heart of Rome and into the crucible of gladiatorial combat. As well as facing death and treachery, Oppius and his legionaries will also encounter a young Octavius Caesar and Pompey the Great. The Sword of Rome series brings together history and adventure in stories which will appeal to fans of both Simon Scarrow and Bernard Cornwell. The Sword of Rome series of novellas follow Julius Caesar and his centurion Lucius Oppius during their campaigns in Britain, Gaul and the Civil War. The stories are a blend of action, intrigue and Ancient History. Richard Foreman's books have been widely praised. Praise for 'Augustus: Son of Rome'. 'Augustus: Son of Rome forges action and adventure with politics and philosophy.

This superb story is drenched in both blood and wisdom - and puts Foreman on the map as the coming man of historical fiction'. - Saul David, Author of the Zulu Hart series. Praise for 'Raffles: The Complete Innings'. "Classy, humorous and surprisingly touching tales of cricket, friendship and crime." - David Blackburn, The Spectator. Praise for 'A Hero of Our Time'. 'An elegant novel which is awash with both hope and tragedy. A Hero of Our Time is a must read for anyone interested in WWII or 19th Century Russian Literature.' - Nigel Jones, author of 'Countdown To Valkyrie'. Praise for 'Warsaw'. "Warsaw is a work of power. It has the authentic feeling that pulses from an important book. The meticulous research and psychological insights light up one of the most ghastly episodes in the history of man's inhumanity to man." Patrick Bishop, author of 'Fighter Boys' and 'A Good War'. Richard Foreman is the author of numerous best-selling Kindle books, including 'Augustus: Son of Rome' and

the Raffles series of historical crime novellas. He is also the author of 'Warsaw', a literary novel set during the end of the Second World War. He lives in London.

Gladiators and Beasthunts

Christopher Epplett 2016-09-19

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the games delivered a powerful message of Roman power: as a reminder of the wars in which Rome had acquired its empire, the distant regions of its far-flung empire (from where they had obtained wild beasts for the venatio), and the inevitability of Roman justice for criminals and those foreigners who had dared to challenge the empire's authority. Though we might see these games as bloodthirsty, cruel and reprehensible condemning any alien culture out of hand for a sport that offends our sensibilities smacks of cultural chauvinism. Instead one should judge an ancient sport by the standards of its contemporary cultural context. This book offers a fascinating, and fair historical appraisal of gladiatorial combat, which will bring the games alive to the reader and help them see them through the eyes of the ancient Romans. It will answer questions about gladiatorial combat such as: What were its origins? Why did it disappear? Who were gladiators? How did they become gladiators? What

was there training like? How did the Romans view gladiators? How were gladiator shows produced and advertised? What were the different styles of gladiatorial fighting? Did gladiator matches have referees? Did every match end in the death of at least one gladiator? Were gladiator games mere entertainment or did they play a larger role in Roman society? What was their political significance?

Gladiator Philip Matyszak
2014-05-12 Experience at first hand the spectacular, brutal life and savage death of the most iconic figure of ancient Rome. This manual will take the reader from the first faltering steps over the threshold of gladiator school, and through training to become a man of the sword. Find out how to get thousands to idolize you as the strongest, meanest fighter in the Roman empire. Learn why you should become a gladiator, how to join the profession, who will try to kill you (and what with), which arena of the empire is right for you, when and how often you will fight and

what happens before, during and after the bout.

The Roman Gladiators and the Colosseum Charles River

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Ancient Rome DK 2015-06-01 From Roman emperors and gods and goddesses to soldiers and gladiators, step into the exciting world of ancient Rome. Who were Rome's most famous emperors? What was everyday life like for a soldier in the Roman army? How did the citizens of ancient Rome live? Did gladiators really fight to the death in the mighty Colosseum? Find out the answers to all these questions, and many more, in Eyewitness Ancient Rome. Photographs of real artefacts and detailed illustrations will help you to learn all about the time of ancient Rome, from a small city-state ruled by kings to one of the most powerful empires in history. Find out what a typical Roman house was like and what food Romans ate. Learn about how people spent their free time, whether paying a visit to the theatre, using the public bath, or watching gladiators fight a gruesome battle to the death in the world-famous Colosseum. Packed with fascinating facts, this illustrated

guide is perfect for school projects or as an introduction for anyone who wants to know more about the history of ancient Rome. "

The Roman Games Alison Futrell 2009-02-09 This sourcebook presents a wealth of material relating to every aspect of Roman spectacles, especially gladiatorial combat and chariot racing. Draws on the words of eye-witnesses and participants, as well as depictions of the games in mosaics and other works of art. Offers snapshots of "a day at the games" and "the life of a gladiator". Includes numerous illustrations. Covers chariot-races, water pageants, naval battles and wild animal fights, as well as gladiatorial combat. Combines political, social, religious and archaeological perspectives. Facilitates an in-depth understanding of this important feature of ancient life.

Sword of the Gladiatrix Faith L Justice 2015-05-07 Two women. Two swords. One victor. An action-packed tale that exposes the brutal underside of Imperial

Rome, "Sword of the Gladiatrix" brings to life unforgettable characters and exotic settings. From the far edges of the Empire, two women come to battle on the hot sands of the arena in Nero's Rome: Afra, scout and beast master to the Queen of Kush; and Cinnia, warrior-bard and companion to Queen Boudica of the British Iceni. Enslaved, forced to fight for their lives and the Romans' pleasure; they seek to replace lost friendship, love, and family in each other's arms. But the Roman arena offers only two futures: the Gate of Life for the victors or the Gate of Death for the losers.

Gladiators Rupert Matthews 2015-07-15 The Romans who fearlessly fought in the Colosseum had varied backgrounds. Some were slaves and criminals forced to fight to the death. Others trained and volunteered for the task. Their goal was clear from the first step in the arena: the floor was sandy, so blood would be easy to clean up. Gladiator combat is a common topic when discussing the Roman Empire.

Readers of this volume, however, will discover all the incredible details of gladiator life from the porridge they ate to the muscle massages they received! A glossary of gladiator terms and a timeline complement the main content.

Blood in the Arena Louise Park 2013-01-15 The slaying of exotic animals and fellow gladiators entertained crowds for centuries. In this volume, readers explore the different types of gladiators, the weapons used to protect them, and arenas they fought in. Any young reader will become engrossed in this action-packed look into the history of gladiators.

Spartacus Ben Kane 2012 Spartacus returns to Thrace, ready to settle down after a decade away. But a new king has usurped the throne. Treacherous and violent, he immediately seizes Spartacus and sells him to a Roman slave trader looking for new gladiators. The odyssey has begun

Gladiators William Caper 2011-07-01 "Profiles Roman

Gladiators, including their everyday life, training, fighting methods, and societal role, as well as their decline and role in popular culture"--Provided by publisher.

The Roman Gladiators

Charles River 2013-11 *Includes pictures of art depicting important people, places, and events. *Describes the different classes of Roman gladiators and the armor and weaponry they used. *Describes gladiatorial combat and the myths and misconceptions about the fight. *Includes footnotes and a bibliography for further reading. "He vows to endure to be burned, to be bound, to be beaten, and to be killed by the sword." - The gladiator's oath, according to Petronius in the Satyricon. Gladiators are somewhat synonymous with ancient Rome, and even thousands of years after they performed on the sands, when people are asked about Roman culture, many think about and refer to the bloody spectacles of men fighting to the death in the arena. Gladiatorial combat is

often regarded as barbaric, and most find it very difficult to comprehend how people could have enjoyed watching something so violent, but nevertheless, the spectacle still intrigues and fascinates people today, whether in movies like *Gladiator* or television shows about *Spartacus*. Gladiatorial combat traces its origins back to the early Republican period from the 5th-3rd century B.C., but it's still unclear where these combats first appeared. Credit has been given to both the Etruscans in northern Italy and the Campanians in southern Italy, though the first recorded gladiatorial combat occurred in the 3rd century B.C. at the funeral of D. Junius Brutus Pera. His sons organized a combat between three different pairs of gladiators who fought at their father's grave, but exactly what these first gladiatorial combats were supposed to represent remains unclear. Some believe that the spilling of human blood was a way of offering a sacrifice to the dead, while others suggest that the contests themselves were a funeral

offering in honor of the dead. Gladiatorial combat began in the Republican period and was associated with death and burial, but due to its popularity it became an organized form of entertainment in the Imperial Age, and even as the gladiators were considered low class, they were also admired, leading to some Roman men and women volunteering to become gladiators. Whatever the original role of gladiatorial combats, they thrilled Roman audiences for many centuries. Each match usually pitted one type of gladiator against a different type of gladiator, with each having their own kind of armor, weaponry and fighting style. For example, the retiarius was a gladiator that used a net, dagger and trident as his offensive weapons, while only wearing a protective guard over his left arm for protection. The retiarius would typically fight against the secutor, a gladiator armed with a sword, large shield, helmet and protective covering on his right arm and left leg. Therefore, a retiarius sacrificed armor for quickness

in battle, while the secutor did the opposite. Although people often think of gladiators fighting to the death, the outcome of gladiatorial combats was not always fatal for one of the participants. If a gladiator fought well, the sponsor of the show could spare him, particularly if the crowd desired it. The fact that the outcome of matches was never the same and the crowd could help determine the result of the match certainly added to the Roman public's pleasure, making it a lot less surprising that such an abhorrent spectacle still fascinated the modern world. The Roman Gladiators: The History and Legacy of Ancient Rome's Most Famous Warriors examines the history of the gladiators and the games they participated in, explaining what life and death was like for the men who fought in Rome's most famous form of entertainment. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about gladiators like you never have before.

Life as a Gladiator Michael

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