In Ancient Rome, life was difficult for most Romans, who made up the lower class. Because they lived in poverty, Rome's emperor provided free food. Held in large arenas or amphitheaters, gladiator games and chariot races provided public entertainment. The Colosseum, still standing today, was one such arena.

Your assignment is to imagine yourself in ancient Rome. The emperor has declared a public holiday and ordered gladiator games to take place in the Colosseum! You get to watch all day!

You will research the gladiator games and the Roman Colosseum. You will then write a personal account of the games from the point of view of a spectator, the emperor, a lanista (an owner of the gladiators), or a gladiator himself. The accounts must answer the following questions:

* Describe the Colosseum.
* Describe the gladiator. What type of gladiator is he? How do you know? (What is he wearing? What type of weapons is he using?)
* Describe what happened during the event. Who or what other than the gladiator was present?
* Describe the spectators. How do they react? How many are in the arena? What role do they play?
* Where is the emperor? What role does he play in the games?
* Describe the life and training of the gladiator.

Use the handout provided to keep track of your expectations and notes.

Your final written account is due Monday at the end of class!

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/romans/empire/gladiators.html>

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/romans/empire/life.html>

<http://rome.mrdonn.org/colosseum.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/launch_ani_colosseum.shtml>

<http://rome.mrdonn.org/gladiators.html>

<http://ablemedia.com/ctcweb/consortium/gladiators.html>

<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/romans/games/circus.htm>

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Day in the Life of a Roman Citizen

Due Monday (at the end of class)

\*Use the guidelines and links on the website to complete your research and writing assignment!

I am a (circle one) **Emperor Spectator Linista Gladiator**

Write two sentences about what your life is like:

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1. Describe the Colosseum (Use your five senses!)

Sights: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Describe the gladiator you are watching. What type of gladiator is he? How do you know? (What is he wearing? What type of weapons is he using?)

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1. Describe what happened during the event. Who or what other than the gladiator was present?

Fighting:

Winner/Loser:

Audience:

1. Describe the spectators. How do they react? How many are in the arena? What role do they play?

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1. Where is the emperor? What role does he play in the games?

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1. Describe the life and training of the gladiator.

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Use all of your research to write a summary of your experience at the Colosseum. Your summary needs to be **6-8 detailed sentences.**

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