

### Unearthing Ancient Secrets: True Gladiator (Alternate Assignment)

Please answer the following questions in one or more complete sentences . Be sure to use the book, *100 Things You Should Know About Gladiators* by Rupert Matthews.

1. Did every gladiatorial fight end in death?
2. Why did the first gladiators fight?
3. What did the Samnites and Thracians fight with?
4. Explain how a good gladiator could win an election for a politician.
5. What animals did Julius Caesar bring to Rome in 46 BC?
6. Explain who the “Mob” was and the power they held in Rome.
7. Where did the first gladiatorial fights take place?
8. What was the Coliseum named after? Who did the statue portray?
9. Explain who the Murmillos, Thracians, Provocators, and Retarii were.
10. Give some examples of the “special fights” that the Romans watched in the Coliseum.
11. How did the Romans recruit gladiators?
12. What oath did the trainee gladiators take?
13. How did the Romans protect their arms and legs?
14. Describe a gladiator’s diet.
15. Which cost more, a live gladiator or a dead gladiator? Why was this so?
16. What was the *probatio*?
17. Where would the Romans show fights on the sea to cheering crowds?
18. How were the animal shows fantastic and strange?
19. Did everyone throughout the Roman Empire show gladiatorial games?

20. Why did gladiatorial games become less and less popular in ancient Rome?