

Gladiatorial Shows

Read pages 134–138 in your textbook and answer the following:

- 1 What was one of the most popular Roman entertainments?
- 2 Where was it held?
- 3 Give a description of the building.
- 4 What was the policy on admission fees?
- 5 When did the games begin?
- 6 What two things happened before the gladiators arrived?
- 7 What three things did the gladiators do before they paired off?
- 8 What types of people might be gladiators?
- 9 How were they trained?
- 10 What information do the programs on page 135 give about the fate of the gladiators who lost a fight?
- 11 How would
 - a) a gladiator show he had surrendered?
 - b) spectators show if they wanted a gladiator killed or allowed to live?
- 12 Who made the final decision for death or mercy?
- 13 What reasons might there be to allow a gladiator to live?
- 14 What Latin phrase shows that gladiators were sometimes very popular (page 135)?
- 15 What was the highest honor for a gladiator?
- 16 How did the following types of gladiators differ?

a) Samnites	c) Thracians
b) murmillōnēs	d) rētiārīi
- 17 List other types of gladiators who might be part of a day's program.
- 18 What would have helped make the gladiatorial shows brilliant spectacles?
- 19 Describe the following:

a) vēnātiō	b) bēstiae	c) bēstiārīi
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- 20 Briefly explain the involvement of the following people in the story of the riot in A.D. 59:

a) Tacitus	c) Nero	e) the wounded
b) Regulus	d) the people of Nuceria	f) the Senate