

Gladiator-ish Questions for January 27, 2006

1. Which of these groups never fought in the amphitheater?
 - A. Senators
 - B. Knights
 - C. Women
 - D. Dwarfs
 - E. Lawyers
 - F. Pastry Chefs
 - G. All of the Above

2. Did the emperor Commodus always fight dirty or just in this movie?

3. T or F: Marcus Aurelius didn't intend his son to succeed him as emperor.

4. How many of these regularly sported tattoos in imperial Rome?
 - A. Priests of Cybele
 - B. Worshippers of Isis
 - C. Soldiers
 - D. Race horses
 - E. Prisoners

5. T or F: Greeks in the empire had nothing to do with gladiatorial displays.

6. Russell Crowe's musical group plays
 - A. Regge
 - B. Chamber music
 - C. Blue grass
 - D. Australian country and western
 - E. Rock 'n roll
 - F. Nothing well

7. Beyond discharging his imperial responsibilities Marcus Aurelius was also which of the following?
 - A. A philosopher
 - B. An antique dealer
 - C. A better musician than Russell Crowe

8. Which of these gladiators sang a song?
 - A. The scissor
 - B. The Samnite
 - C. The Thrax
 - D. The retiarius
 - E. All of the above

9. Combats in the arena began when
 - A. The presiding magistrate waved his handkerchief
 - B. The presiding magistrate blew his nose
 - C. The emperor stood up
 - D. The Vestal Virgins sat down
 - E. Doves were released
 - F. None of the above

10. T or F: during intermissions vendors sold spectators, buffalo wings, chick peas and fresh fruit

11. T or F: a gladiator's life wasn't worth living.

12. Who said "on the whole I'd rather be in Philadelphia"?
 - A. Ptolemy Auletes
 - B. Petraites
 - C. Astyanax
 - D. Cupido
 - E. W.C. Fields

13. T or F: people queued for tickets for seat assignments in the amphitheater.

14. T or F: Early pilgrims to Rome could see the remains of the gilded dome with oculus that originally covered the Colosseum, and this led to many futile attempts to replicate the feat, the best example of failure being the great monastery church at Cluny.