

- Roman Gladiators -

In ancient Rome,/ **gladiators** were **brave** fighters / who entertained people in grand **arenas**,/ called amphitheatres.// There were more than 200 amphitheatres / in Rome during the 1st century.// The Colosseum in Rome is a **prominent** example of such a site.//

Gladiators were trained/ to fight with swords, shields, horses, and other **weapons**.// Their lives were very tough.// They lived in **barracks** and / trained every day to prepare for **battles** / with other gladiators or **wild** animals.// While most gladiators were **slaves** or **prisoners**,/ some chose to become gladiators / for **fame** and **fortune**/ because the Roman people saw famous gladiators as heroes.//

Wealthy Romans organized so-called “games,”/ attended by thousands of people,/ where the gladiators fought.// **Emperors** also **arranged** gladiator fights / to show their wealth and power / and **celebrate** happy **occasions**.// Today,/ Roman gladiators are still **fascinating** to many people,/ and they are **depicted** / through movies, dramas, stories, and poems.//

古代ローマでは/ 剣闘士は勇敢な戦士だった/ 広大なアリーナで人々を楽しませた/ 円形劇場とよばれる// 200以上の円形闘技場があった/ 一世紀のローマでは// ローマのコロッセオ（コロシウム）はそのような場所の代表的な例である//

剣闘士は訓練されていた/ 剣、盾、馬、その他の武器を使って戦うように// 彼らの生活は非常に過酷だった// 彼らは兵舎に住み/ 戦いに備えて毎日訓練を受けた/ 他の剣闘士や野生動物との// ほとんどの剣闘士は奴隷か囚人だった一方で/ 剣闘士になることを選択するものがいた/ 名声と富のために/ なぜならローマ人は有名な剣闘士を英雄としてみなしたからだ//

裕福なローマ人はいわゆる「ゲーム」を組織した/ 幾千の人々が参加して、そこで剣闘士たちが戦った// 皇帝たちもまた剣闘士の試合を企画した/ 自らの富と権力を誇示するために/ そして幸せな機会を祝うために// 今日でもローマの剣闘士は多くの人々を魅了し/ 彼らは描かれている/ 映画、ドラマ、物語、そして詩を通じて//

Vocabulary and Phrases

gladiators	剣闘士	fame	名声
brave	勇敢な	fortune	富
arenas	アリーナ	emperor	皇帝
prominent	突出した、目立つ	arranged	手配された
weapons	武器	celebrate	祝う
barracks	兵舎	occasions	機会
battles	戦闘	fascinating	魅力的な
wild	野生の	depicted	描かれた
slaves	奴隷		
prisoners	囚人		

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【Listen & Fill Blank】

In _____ Rome, gladiators were brave fighters who _____ people in grand arenas, called amphitheaters. There were more than 200 _____ in Rome during the 1st century. The Colosseum in Rome is a _____ example of such a site.

Gladiators were trained to fight with swords, _____, horses, and other weapons. Their lives were very tough. They lived in _____ and trained every day to prepare for battles with other gladiators or wild animals. While most gladiators were slaves or _____, some chose to become gladiators for fame and _____ because the Roman people saw famous gladiators as heroes.

Wealthy Romans organized so-called “games,” attended by thousands of _____, where the gladiators fought. _____ also arranged gladiator fights to show their wealth and power and celebrate happy occasions. Today, Roman gladiators are still _____ to many people, and they are _____ through movies, dramas, stories, and poems.

【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: How many amphitheaters were there in ancient Rome?

Question 2: How were the lives of the gladiators?

Question 3: How did Roman people see gladiators?

Ask 1: 剣、盾、馬という答えのある質問をする。

Ask 2: グラディエーターがどこに住んでいたかを知るために質問する。

Ask 3: 裕福なローマ人と皇帝。

Sample Answer 1: There were more than 200 amphitheaters in ancient Rome during the 1st century.

Sample Answer 2: Their lives were very tough. They lived in barracks and trained every day to prepare for battles with other gladiators or wild animals.

Sample Answer 3: The Roman people saw famous gladiators as heroes

Sample Question 1: What did gladiators use to fight or train?

Sample Question 2: Where did the gladiators live?

Sample Question 3: Who arranged gladiator games?