



Gladiator fights

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History

- Munera - Etruscan funeral sacrifices
- IV-II centuries BC, 1st gladiator fights
 - Gladius - sword, Gladiator - Swordsman
- 105 BC, State sponsored
- IV century, spreading of christian culture
- 399 closing of gladiator schools



Organisation

- Private and State arenas
 - Editors - sponsors/producers
 - Rudis - referee
- Gladiator school:
 - Lanista, owner and coach
 - Gladiators
 - Servants
- Private owners and leasers



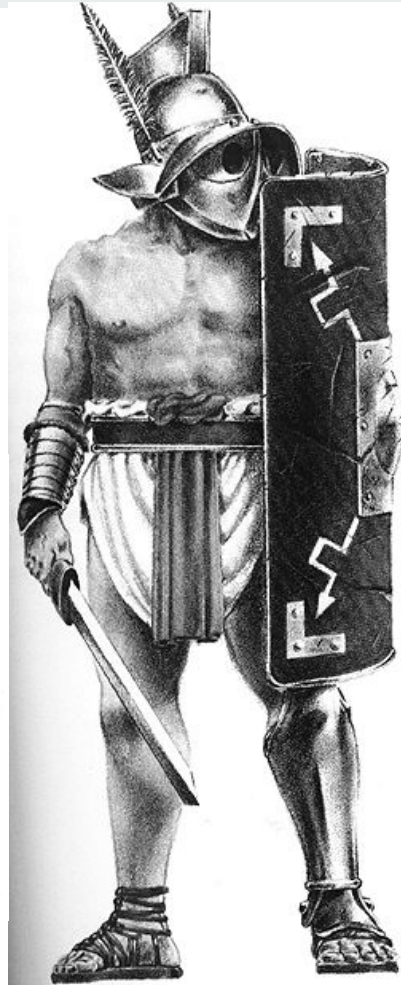
Stereotypes and reality

- Bloody cruel death fights
 - Killing is unprofitable
 - Many rules
- Forced to fight against their own will
 - Good
 - High fame, low status
- "*Bread and circuses*"
 - Death may disappoint fans

Gladiator types.

Armored shieldcarriers

Samnite, Murmillo and some others



Andabata

Fighting blind



Retiarius

Net and trident



Bestiarius

Animal fighter



BESTIARI



Crupellarius

Heavy armored



Equites

Horseman



The End

