

QUESTION 1

Which type of gladiator would you have been?

- A** You fought on **chariots**. Chariots were wheeled carts pulled by animals. You had a driver. You used weapons while in the chariot.
- B** You fought in pairs. You had a fighting partner. You defended each other. You attacked as a team.
- C** You fought alone. You were matched with a fighter of your size. But you had to fight by yourself.

There were gladiator schools. Gladiators learned to fight. They were taught to hurt, not kill.



SURVIVAL TOOLS

Gladiators fought with a gladius sword. This sword was made from iron. It had two sharp edges. This was for cutting and chopping. The sword also narrowed down to a point. This was good for stabbing and thrusting. The handle had a solid grip. It had ridges for fingers. This gave gladiators good balance to slash with great force. A rudis was a wooden gladius sword. Gladiators practiced fighting with a rudis. They used a rudis to protect themselves. They wanted to avoid serious injuries. They also used a rudis to protect their gladius swords. They didn't want to damage their swords. A rudis was given to winners of a battle. It was also given to retired gladiators. These gladiators survived the battles. They earned their freedom.