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Gladiator (2000) Film Vocabulary

Republic: rule by the people with representatives.

Senate: the elected governing body of Rome during the age of the Republic

Consul: two men who lead the government to avoid one gaining too much power

Veto: the right to reject a law or bill

Dictator: one person rule of a country/state/empire

province: an area with it's own government and army which was ruled by Rome

aqueducts: structure that carried water over long distances

anarchy: chaos resulting in lack of government rule

coliseum: large stadium used for entertainment, sports, and cultural events.

Pax Romana: The Roman peace that lasted from Caesar Augustus in 27BC to Marcus Aurelius in 180AD – never really peace, always at war with group or people.

Pater-familias: family structure. The oldest living male had nearly complete power over his family.

legion: basic unit of the Roman army, which consisted of about 5000 soldiers

plebian: a member of the Roman lower-class, which included artisans, merchants, and farmers.

patrician: the Roman upper-class from which senators were elected.

forum: main marketplace in Rome.

Ptolemy: astronomer who declared Rome the center of the universe.

Barbarians: non-Romans who were considered inferior

pagans: literally means "rustic." Romans considered non-Christians rustic (or hick) and the label became a religious term.