

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

(IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER)

Place names:

Ludus – Loo-dus - (plural: ludi) *school*.
Gallicus – Gal-i-coos - *of Gaul*
Dacicus – Day-ki-coos - *Of Dacia*
Matutinus – Ma-toot-in-oos - “*of the morning/early*”
Magnus – Mag-noos - *Great*.
Moesia – Mee-she-ah - *Modern day Bulgaria and Serbia*.

Character names:

Adelgard – Ay-dle-gard
Adel – Ah-dell
Telemachus – Te-lem-ah-cuss
Berit – Bear-it
Oppia – Ah-pia
Dreda – Dree-da
Ruso – Roo-so
Wulfula – Vull-fyoo-la
Linde – Linda
Gaiseric – Gay-sir-ik
Eadric – Ed-rick

Visigoth terms:

Aipei – Eye-pay (“Mother” Visigoth. Pronunciation is unknown. This is how I imagined it).
Atta – Ah-ta (“Father” Visigoth. Pronunciation is unknown. This is how I imagined it).

Latin words:

Salve – Sal-way - *hello*.
Scutum – Sk-you-tum - *shield*, specifically the large, curved shield of Roman legionaries.
Rudes – rood-ace -(plural: rudis) wooden practice *sword*. Sometimes refers to a gladiator’s reward of freedom.
Medicus – med-ik-os- (plural medici) *medic/physician*.

Gladiator Terms:

Magister – Ma-gis-ter (plural: magistri) gladiator trainer/coach assigned to a specific fighting style.
Doctore – dock-tor-ay - overseer above the magister (head coach).
Lanista - manager of the gladiator school.
Crupellarius – crue-pel-ar-ee-oos - heavily armored fighter in plate armor resembling a medieval knight.
Provocator – Pro-vo-cay-tur - heavy armor, gladius and scutum. Paired against another provocator.
Secutor – sec-you-tor - heavy armor, rounded helmet, gladius and shield. Paired against a Retiarius.
Murmillio – mer-mee-lo - Roman style armor, gladius and large shield. Paired against a Hoplomachus or Thraex.
Hoplomachus – hop-lo-mac-oos - (plural hoplomachi) large stature, Greek inspired armor and fighting style. Paired against murmillio, thraex or retiarius.
Dimachaerus – dee-ma-care-oos - ambidexterous, fought with two long swords.
Thraex/Thracian - Thracian fighting style with small, round or square shield and curved sword.
Bestiarius – best-ee-ar-ee-oos (plural bestiarii) unarmed criminal pitted against wild animals for execution.
Cestus – kes-toos - fist-fighter.
Venatore – ven-ah-tor-ay - Animal fighter/hunter.
Retiarius – ret-ee-ar-ee-oos - (plural: retiarii) fought with a net and trident but little to no armor.
Laquerarii – la-kwe-raw-ree - fought with a lasso and dagger.
Eques – eh-kwees - fought on horseback
Essedarii – ess-ed-ar-ee - fought from a chariot.