

Gladiator VII

Sequence: Chapter 26 - 27 "The Duel ... To The Death".

Sequence I 2:10:15 – 2:12:03

Sequence II 2:12:04+

Watching the video I – Sequence I

1. Who says this?
 - a. Maximus, Maximus, Maximus.
 - b. A striking story.
 - c. You would fight me?
 - d. I think you have been afraid all your life.
 - e. You loved my father, I know.
 - f. death smiles at us all. All that man can do is smile back.
 - g. Smile for me now brother.



Watching the video II

2. Watch Sequence I again, and comment on these ideas.
 - a. Commodus is jealous of Maximus.
 - b. The crowd love Maximus.
 - c. Maximus has no respect for Commodus.
 - d. Commodus is not an honourable man.
 - e. Commodus is afraid of Maximus's ability.
 - f. Quintus is a coward.



Watching the video III

3. Watch the sequence for a third time and answer the questions.
 - a. Why does Commodus want to fight maximus?
 - b. Would Maximus like to fight Commodus?
 - c. How does Commodus show he is a coward?

Watching the video - sequence II

4. Watch the sequence and answer these questions.
 - a. Something is wrong with Maximus. Why?
 - b. Commodus is very pleased to fight Maximus. Why?
 - c. It seems that Maximus is bleeding, but from where?
 - d. Why does maximus see a wall and a home?

5. Complete the dialogue. It has some problems. Correct them.

Maximus: Quintus, enslave my Senator Gracchus is to be imprisoned. There was a dream that was Galicia, it shall be These are the wishes of Commodus.

Quintus: Free the , ...go!

Lucilla: Maximus!

Maximus: Lucius is dead.

Lucilla: Come to me. You are home.

Lucilla: Is Spain worth one good man's life? We believed it once. Make us believe it again. He was a soldier of Rome. him.

Gracchus: Who will take him?

III After you watch

1. Complete these sentences making relatives.

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| a. The Crowd were suddenly silenced | 1. The crowd were cheering. |
| b. Commodus tries to kill Maximus with a knife. | 2. Commodus is wearing white armour. |
| c. The Emperor dies before the crowd | 3. The Emperor was stabbed by Maximus. |
| d. Maximus has killed the Emperor. | 4. Maximus was mortally wounded too. |
| e. Lucilla runs into the arena | 5. Lucilla secretly loved Maximus. |
| f. Everybody is surprised and shocked | 6. They were now silent. |
| g. Maximus' family is waiting for him in the afterlife. | 7. Maximus' family were killed by the Praetorian Guard. |
| h. Lucilla weeps Maximus' death. | 8. Lucilla is next to Maximus. |

IV What do you think?

2. Do you remember the story? Complete these conditionals with your own words.

- a. If Commodus hadn't killed Marcus Aurelius,
- b. If Proximo hadn't made Maximus into a gladiator,
- c. If Maximus hadn't been a soldier and a general in the army,
- d. If Lucilla hadn't loved Maximus before,
- e. If Commodus hadn't killed Maximus' family,
- f. If Maximus hadn't been such a good gladiator,

Tape Script

- COMMODUS: Maximus. Maximus. Maximus. They call for you. The general who became a slave. The slave who became a gladiator. The gladiator who defied an emperor. A striking story. Now the people want to know how the story ends. Only a famous death will do. What could be more glorious than to challenge the emperor himself in the great arena.
- MAXIMUS: You would fight me?
- COMMODUS: Why not? Do you think I am afraid?
- MAXIMUS: I think you have been afraid all your life.
- COMMODUS: Unlike Maximus the invincible, who knows no fear?
- MAXIMUS: I knew a man who once said, death smiles at us all. All that a man can do is smile back.
- COMMODUS: I wonder. Did your friend smile at his own death?
- MAXIMUS: You must know. He was your father.
- COMMODUS: You loved my father, I know. But so did I. That makes us brothers, doesn't it? Smile for me now brother.
- COMMODUS: Strap on his armour. Conceal the wound.
- MAXIMUS: Quintus, free my men. Senator Gracchus is to be reinstated. There was a dream that was Rome, it shall be realized. These are the wishes of Marcus Aurelius.
- Quintus: Free the prisoners, ...go!
- LUCILLA: Maximus!
- MAXIMUS: Lucius is safe.
- LUCILLA: Go to them. You are home. Is Rome worth one good man's life? We believed it once. Make us believe it again. He was a soldier of Rome. Honour him.
- GRACCHUS: Who will help me carry him?

