



Instructions: Use the word bank to label the map. Read the Did you know? box. Number the 4 events in order, tick True or False, match each word to its meaning, then write short answers.

Word bank (places): Alps (Mutina area) Capua Mount Vesuvius Rhegium Rome Sicily Thrace

1. Label the map



1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____
5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____

Did you know?

- Spartacus came from Thrace, a land north of Greece.
- The rebels escaped down Mount Vesuvius using ropes made from wild vines.
- Tens of thousands of enslaved people joined the rebellion.



Inside a gladiator school

About this story

Slavery was everywhere in the Roman world. Prisoners of war, people captured by pirates and children of enslaved mothers could all be bought and sold.

2. Put the events in order

Write 1 to 4 in the boxes (1 = first).

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| ☐ Escape down Vesuvius on vine ropes | ☐ Gladiators escape from Capua |
| ☐ Crassus defeats the rebels | ☐ Rebels march north towards the Alps |

3. True or false?

Spartacus was trained as a gladiator at Capua.	☐ True	☐ False
The rebels hid on Mount Vesuvius.	☐ True	☐ False
Julius Caesar defeated Spartacus.	☐ True	☐ False
Spartacus's army was very small, only about 70 people at the end.	☐ True	☐ False

4. Match up

Write the letter of the right meaning in the box.

Enslaved person	A. A person who had been enslaved and was then freed.
Gladiator	B. Someone forced to work for another person and treated as property.
Freedman	C. Huge farming estates worked by enslaved people.
Latifundia	D. A trained fighter, usually enslaved, who fought in public shows.

5. Short answers

- What job was Spartacus forced to do?

- Where did the rebels hide first?

- Who was the rich Roman who defeated them?

- Explain in your own words: In your own words, describe what life was like for many enslaved people in Rome.

- Stretch: How did Spartacus and his companions escape from Mount Vesuvius?

