

In Class Movie Viewing Permission Form

June 6, 2016

Dear Parents & Guardians of Division 7 & 8 students.

As the students put the final touches on their Ancient Rome studies this week, we are hoping to show the classes the **Academy Award winning film "Gladiator"**. The film provides an excellent historical context for Ancient Roman Culture, Combat, Politics, Lifestyle, Slavery and Architecture (*all topics we have studied in class*).

Historically, it deals with the struggles of the Senate vs the Emperors, the wars versus the Germanic Tribes, the suspicious death of Emperor Marcus Aurelius, and the vanity of Emperor Commodus, and takes an in depth look at the plight of slaves and gladiators.

I am asking your permission for you child to watch the film in class, as **it is rated "R" for violence**. I would not propose watching the movie, if I didn't believe it held an educational value for the students. While the film is violent in parts, it is not gratuitously violent, and it does an excellent job representing a time period in history prior to the fall of the Roman Empire.

If you do not wish to have your child view the film, that is not a problem, as there will be alternative arrangements made for the students without permission.

If you consent to allow your son or daughter to watch Gladiator this **Friday, June 10th** as part of our final class on Ancient Roman studies, please sign the consent form below. **Any student without a signed consent form will not be permitted to view the movie, and will be given alternative work for the duration of the film.**

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I _____ (parent/guardian's name) consent to allow my son or daughter, _____ (student's name) to watch "Gladiator", and I understand that the movie will depict scenes of violence in the context of warfare and gladiatorial combat.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____, 2016