



Gladiators

Terms!

- Editor
- Munerarius
- Lanista
- Ludus vs. Iudi
- Infamia: one marked by infamia cannot serve in the army, vote for magistrates or on laws, serve on juries, can be tortured and killed.
- Auctoratio: tribune of the plebs, lanista or editor

Who are gladiators?

- Slaves, criminals, captives of war, and 'handsome and well-built young men'?
- Wealthy elite?

SECUTOR



'Pursuer'



Secutor

Grave Stele, 2nd CE, Turkey



Secutor and Retiarius

2nd-3rd CE, Colchester

2nd-3rd CE, Secutor and
Retiarius (ref with summa rudis)



2nd-3rd CE



PROVOCATOR



'Attacker'



Tombstone of a Provocator Gladiator

2nd-3rd CE, Ephesus



Provocator Helmet

1st CE, Quadriporticus Pompeii

HOPLOMACHUS



‘Heavy weapons
fighter’

Thrusting spear is the primary
weapon; dagger is the backup



'Fish' (dorsal fin?)

Festus (cited by Dunkle): 'I do not attack you, I attack a fish. Why do you flee me, Gaul?'

--an offshoot of the Gaul, whose helmet was decorated with a fish.

SCUTARII (scutum)

RETIARIUS



Netman

Murmillo and Hoplomachus (thrusting spear), 1st BCE





Skeletal wounds of a murmillo gladiator

2nd-3rd CE, Ephesus



Terracotta Lamp, murmillo and a thraex

2nd CE

Thraex—sole survivor of the ethnic based gladiators in the imperial period; captives in the 2nd-1st BCE, Mithradatic Wars; Spartacus; traditionally paired with a hoplomachus or a murmillo

THRAEX



Short curved
sword, square
shield

Carried a parma

Parmularii (Caligula)



Helmet of a murmillor

1st CE, quadriporticus, Pompeii