**Gladiators Reading Questions**

Read the following web page and answer the questions below:

[Roman gladiators: ancient professional athletes - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-7/year-7-gladiators-reading/)

1. Where does the name ‘gladiator’ come from?
2. What kind of people were the majority of gladiators?
3. What were the *ludi*?
4. In what ways were gladiators taken care of by their owners?
5. What kind of gladiator did a Retiarius fight?
6. What kind of gladiator resembled a regular Roman legionary?
7. What happened in AD 200?
8. How many times per year were gladiators expected to fight?
9. What kind of prizes could a gladiator win?
10. Why were owners reluctant to have their gladiators killed in fights?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why did gladiators live a good life despite the violent sport they were involved in?*