GLADIATOR: A HERO WILL RISE. Name:_____ Group:_____

Asking and answering questions using the past and past perfect tenses.

Read the questions in the box. Then match them with the answers below.



1. How long had Maximus been away from home? ___
2. Why were the soldiers exhausted? ___
3. Why did Commodus murder his own father? ___
4. How did Maximus feel when he finally got home to his farm? Why? ___
5. What had Proximo been before he became a trainer? ___
6. What had Marcus Aurelius been doing just before Maximus entered his tent? ___
7. Where had Commodus and Lucilla been before they reached the battlefield? ___
8. Why did Maximus attempt to remove his SPQR tattoo? ___
9. Why was Proximo initially so upset with Maximus? ___.
10. Why was Maximus' son excited to see the Roman flags? ___
11. Why was Maximus grateful to Juba? ___



a) Because he felt Maximus was defiant, didn't follow instructions, and had killed his opponents too quickly.

b) He felt devastated because he found his family had been brutally killed.

c) He had been a gladiator who fought and later won his freedom.

d) They had been travelling in the royal carriage from Rome.

e) He felt Juba had helped him survive in the gladiator training camp and had shown him kindness.

f) Because he didn't want the other gladiators to know he had worked for the Roman government, and he was ashamed of the people who had betrayed him.

g) Because he thought they meant his father had returned home.

h) He had been away for two years, 264 days, and one morning.

i) Because they had been fighting relentless battles against the Germanic tribes.

j) Because he was jealous and resentful after Marcus Aurelius had chosen Maximus as his successor instead of him.

k) He had been contemplating his life, the future of Rome and writing in his journal.

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