

# The Roman Colosseum

## Overview

The Colosseum was one of the greatest feats of Roman engineering and a model for the ages. The name comes from the Latin word *colossus*, meaning gigantic. For centuries after its opening in A.D. 80, excited spectators, both rich and poor, cheered a variety of free, bloody spectacles presented for their entertainment.

## Assignment

Each student, along with a partner, will be asked to research the Roman Colosseum and compare it to a modern day stadium. After researching, the students will put their information on a poster board, give the class a brief summary of their work, and then display the project in the classroom.

## What to Include

Each group should include the following information in their project:

- Titles of the stadiums
- Pictures of the stadiums
- Years stadiums were constructed
- Size of stadiums
- Seating capacity of stadiums
- Special features of the stadiums
- Events that take place in stadiums

## Grading Rubric

Library Time	_ / 5
Neatness and Creativity	_ / 5
Pictures	_ / 5
Information	_ / 10
Presentation	_ / 5
Total	_ / 30