

Charioteer Poster

Introduction

Many Roman stone reliefs and mosaics celebrated the Romans' love of entertainment. Romans were especially fond of the thrilling chariot races held in the Circus Maximus. Imagine you are a Roman citizen and have a favorite charioteer. You want others to promote your favorite and show others how skilled and brave he is in racing. You can create a poster to advertise the courage and talent of your charioteer.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- poster board
- crayons or markers
- reference books

GETTING STARTED

1. Reread the story in your text about the chariot racer. Then look at the illustration. You may look for additional descriptions and pictures in reference books. Pay attention to details like the racer's equipment, the kind of chariot, and the horses. Make a list of what you want to include in your poster. Remember, you will also want to write something about your champion.
2. Draw your poster of the charioteer using markers or crayons. Think of a slogan or phrase that promotes your champion and add it to your poster. Are his horses the swiftest? Has he defeated many other racers? Is he a favorite of the crowd?
3. Share your poster with others in the class. Discuss why chariot races were so dangerous and were such a popular entertainment among Romans.

CHECKLIST

1. The poster illustrates the skills of your charioteer.
2. I can explain why chariot races were dangerous.
3. The illustrations on the poster help the viewer understand the topic.

