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Monday morning

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) of _____,

As part of our study of Ancient World History, I may want to utilize portions of movies such as "Troy" and "Gladiator" to accentuate aspects about the time period. Due to the graphic depiction of some of the subject matter, these films are rated "R" by the Motion Picture Association. I wanted to inform you ahead of time and obtain your permission before allowing your child to view these films.

I feel that portions of these movies are historically accurate. In the case of "Gladiator," the conflict between the Senate and emperor, as well as the depiction of the diverse nature of Rome's citizens and conquests, often generate interesting classroom discussions. The nature of Rome's empire is contrasted well with the city-state concept we will examine in ancient Greece. I am not showing some scenes due to historical liberties taken by the director. (For instance, Commodus did not die in hand-to-hand combat in the arena as depicted in the movie. He was strangled to death in his bed by a wrestler.) If for any reason you do not wish your child to participate, please choose the appropriate response on the permission slip below. Your child will be given an alternative assignment if you prefer that they not watch this movie.

Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and have your child return it to me. There will be no negative consequences for those students who do not watch the movie and, while the material conveys a true sense of the period, the material in it will not be on the chapter test.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. I can be reached most weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 656-8800, extension #5813, and during the evenings and on weekends at 692-4456 (home) or 830-1862 (cell). You can also e-mail me at jparkin@ecusd7.org if that would be more convenient.

Yours Truly,

Jon Parkin

Name of Student _____

_____ Yes, I permit my son or daughter to view scenes from movies such as "Troy" and "Gladiator" in class.

_____ No, I would prefer my son or daughter not watch scenes from "Troy or "Gladiator," and that they be given an alternative assignment.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____