



Overcoming Tragedy: 'Spartacus' Boss Maintains Graphic Impact

Description

This is his Roman Empire.

"Spartacus" is a show about gladiators. It has a lot of action and drama. The show started in 2010 but almost ended when its star, Andy Whitfield, died from cancer in 2011.

Steven S. DeKnight is the creator of "Spartacus." He said it was hard to think about making more episodes after Andy's death. For years, people asked if they could bring the show back. But DeKnight wasn't ready to return.

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After losing Andy, Liam McIntyre played Spartacus for two seasons. The new show, "Spartacus: House of Ashur," is back now. It features Nick E. Tarabay, who plays a villain named Ashur.

DeKnight took his time to feel ready to make the show again. He said the story is very violent and has many intense scenes. DeKnight believes it is important to show this kind of world honestly.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Gladiators** /'glæd.i.ɛɪ.tərz/ (noun): Trained fighters in ancient Rome who engaged in combat for public entertainment.
2. **Violent** /'vaɪələnt/ (adjective): Involving great physical force intended to hurt or kill.
3. **Intense** /ɪn'tens/ (adjective): Of extreme force degree or strength; very strong or serious.
4. **Creator** /kri'eɪ.tər/ (noun): A person or thing that brings something into existence.
5. **Episodes** /'ɛp.ɪ.səʊdɪz/ (noun): Individual parts of a series such as in a television show.
6. **Dramatic** /drə'mæt.ɪk/ (adjective): Relating to drama; exciting and full of emotion.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who is the creator of the show "Spartacus"?



- Option: Andy Whitfield
- Option: Liam McIntyre
- Option: Steven S. DeKnight
- Option: Nick E. Tarabay

2. Who played Spartacus after the death of Andy Whitfield?

- Option: Andy Whitfield
- Option: Liam McIntyre
- Option: Steven S. DeKnight
- Option: Nick E. Tarabay

3. What was the name of the new show featuring Spartacus after Andy Whitfield?

- Option: Spartacus: House of Ashur
- Option: Spartacus: Blood and Sand
- Option: Spartacus Returns
- Option: Spartacus Revived

4. What character does Nick E. Tarabay play in "Spartacus: House of Ashur"?

- Option: Spartacus
- Option: Andy Whitfield
- Option: Steven S. DeKnight
- Option: Ashur

5. When did the show "Spartacus" first air?

- Option: 2008
- Option: 2010
- Option: 2012
- Option: 2014

6. Who almost ended the show "Spartacus" due to his death from cancer?

- Option: Liam McIntyre
- Option: Steven S. DeKnight
- Option: Nick E. Tarabay
- Option: Andy Whitfield

True-False

7. The show "Spartacus" started in 2010.



8. Steven S. DeKnight was immediately ready to continue making "Spartacus" after Andy Whitfield's death.
9. The new show "Spartacus: House of Ashur" features a villain played by Nick E. Tarabay.
10. Andy Whitfield played Spartacus in "Spartacus: House of Ashur".
11. "Spartacus" is known for its intense and violent scenes.
12. DeKnight believed it was unnecessary to show the violent aspects of the world in "Spartacus".

Gap-Fill

13. Andy Whitfield died in the year _____.
14. Liam McIntyre portrayed Spartacus for _____ seasons after Andy Whitfield.
15. Steven S. DeKnight felt ready to make the show again after taking his time to grieve, returning to "Spartacus" in _____.
16. The star of "Spartacus: House of Ashur" is _____.
17. Nick E. Tarabay plays the character _____ in "Spartacus: House of Ashur".
18. DeKnight emphasized the importance of portraying the world of "Spartacus" _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Steven S. DeKnight 2. Liam McIntyre 3. Spartacus: House of Ashur 4. Ashur 5. 2010
6. Andy Whitfield

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 2011 14. two 15. beginning of 2012 16. Liam McIntyre 17. Ashur 18. honestly

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



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1. In ancient Rome who were the trained fighters who entertained audiences in violent confrontations?
Option: Emperors
Option: Gladiators
Option: Philosophers
Option: Artisans
 2. Who is the person responsible for bringing something into existence?
Option: Consumer
Option: Founder
Option: Creator
Option: Audience
 3. What is a formal public event to mark a special occasion or achievement?
Option: Commiseration
Option: Celebration
Option: Condemnation
Option: Contemplation
 4. If something is liked admired or supported by many people it is considered _____.
Option: Infamous
Option: Unheard of
Option: Popular
Option: Reclusive
 5. A public performance of music or dancing is known as a _____.
Option: Party
Option: Concert
Option: Lecture
Option: Play
 6. Related to the universe or cosmos; vast and complex is the definition of _____.
Option: Microscopic
Option: Atomic
Option: Rural
Option: Cosmic
 7. What term refers to a distinctive attribute or aspect of something?
Option: Characteristic
Option: Twist
Option: Flaw
Option: Feature



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8. A group of individuals working together to achieve a common goal is a _____.
- Option: Soloist
 - Option: Team
 - Option: Opponent
 - Option: Stranger
9. Which sport involves shooting a ball through a hoop elevated above the ground?
- Option: Soccer
 - Option: Tennis
 - Option: Basketball
 - Option: Golf
10. Activities that provide amusement or enjoyment for people are considered forms of _____.
- Option: Punishment
 - Option: Education
 - Option: Entertainment
 - Option: Isolation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The movie was critiqued for its excessive _____ scenes that some viewers found disturbing.
12. It is important for professionals to handle sensitive information with the utmost _____.
13. Regular exercise can provide numerous health _____ such as improved cardiovascular function.
14. The museum features works by some of the world's most _____ artists.
15. The roller coaster ride was _____ with sharp turns and sudden drops.
16. Please review the different _____ available before making a decision.
17. Children learn important social skills through playing _____ with their peers.
18. The artist wanted to create something truly _____ so he avoided imitating other



styles.

19. The organizers planned a special _____ guest appearance at the event.

20. It is _____ to read the rules and regulations before starting the exam.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The play had a lot of intense emotions and conflicts making it very .
22. Bringing people together in harmony and cooperation is the essence of .
23. Each installment of the show is referred to as an building the overall plot.
24. The scientist made a discovery that changed the field of chemistry.
25. After a long illness the actor peacefully at the age of 82.
26. The was applauded for their ability to capture the essence of the story through visuals.
27. The goal of the amusement park is to provide guests with a full day of and fun.
28. The trendy restaurant quickly became a spot for locals and tourists alike.
29. The software company released an updated of their app with new features.
30. The grand opening of the new store was a highly anticipated in the community.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Gladiators 2. Creator 3. Celebration 4. Popular 5. Concert 6. Cosmic 7. Feature 8. Team 9. Basketball 10. Entertainment

Gap-Fill: 11. violent 12. discretion 13. benefits 14. famous 15. exciting 16. options 17. games 18. original 19. surprise 20. important

Matching sentence: 1. dramatic 2. unity 3. episode 4. notable 5. passed away 6. filmmaker 7. entertainment 8. popular 9. version 10. event

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