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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLING SPARTACUS ROMAN GLADIATOR

**IMPORTANT - READ THIS FIRST!**

Before assembling model, study sketch carefully. Important—Apply cement to inside surfaces only. Avoid getting cement on outer surfaces of model sections. Use cement very sparingly and avoid getting cement on hands, so as not to mar or smear plastic surfaces. Do not hurry. Work carefully and patiently. Important Note: Before proceeding to cement parts together, it is advisable to fit parts together dry (without cement) so that you may familiarize yourself with the parts and how they go together, also noting the points where cement is to be applied. For best results assemble model exactly in the order indicated.

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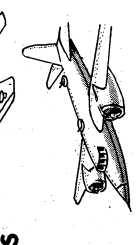
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When Julius Caesar came into power about 46 B.C. he wanted to gain the support of his conquered provinces and decided to increase the size and scope of the games. This led to some of the really big contests involving thousands of men and animals fighting to the death. Included were animals from all points, rhinos, bears, elephants, apes, tigers, hyenas, wild dogs, pythons, polar bears, lions and wild bears. No expense was spared for these spectacles and the tremendous cost almost depleted the empire's treasury. More animals, slaves and sand were shipped in than food. The gladiators often had little to eat. To keep the contest and only thoughts of mutiny, the contests were made more barbaric and cruel. During one of the contests near the end of B.C. time, the spectators became so excited they set fire to the wooden stands and practically destroyed the Circus Maximus. As a result, a new Coliseum was built which was without compare. Built in 80 A.D. this impressive stadium was 564 feet by 518 feet with walls rising to 144 feet. The arena could be flooded to provide thrilling sea battles between men and animals. The arena was 100 feet deep. The opening ceremonies lasted 100 days. The sunrise to sunset and more than 15,000 men and animals died in the contests.

**THE GLADIATORS**

Originally starting as innocent circus type exhibitions, the Roman games were held in the Circus Maximus, an area measuring about 1,800 feet long by 450 feet wide. About 200,000 spectators would pay an admission to see a well organized display of trained animal acts, sham battles, acrobatic feats and skilled chariot racers. As time progressed, the chariot races endured over the other acts because of the natural sport for betting together with the occasional accidents for excitement. About 104 B.C. the games began to become more serious. The gladiators fought against each other to fight to the death. These contests replaced the more peaceful exhibitions and the amounts of the slaves were increased until as many as 100 pairs were battling each other by 145 B. C. These contests were usually sponsored by politicians who were seeking favor in the eyes of the voters, and each politician would try to outdo the other in the size of the battles. Promoters seized quickly on this new trend and rapidly brought up able bodied slaves to rent out to the politicians. Criminals and prisoners were pressed into service and trained together with the slaves. These professional fighters became known as 'gladiators' which means 'swordsmen'.

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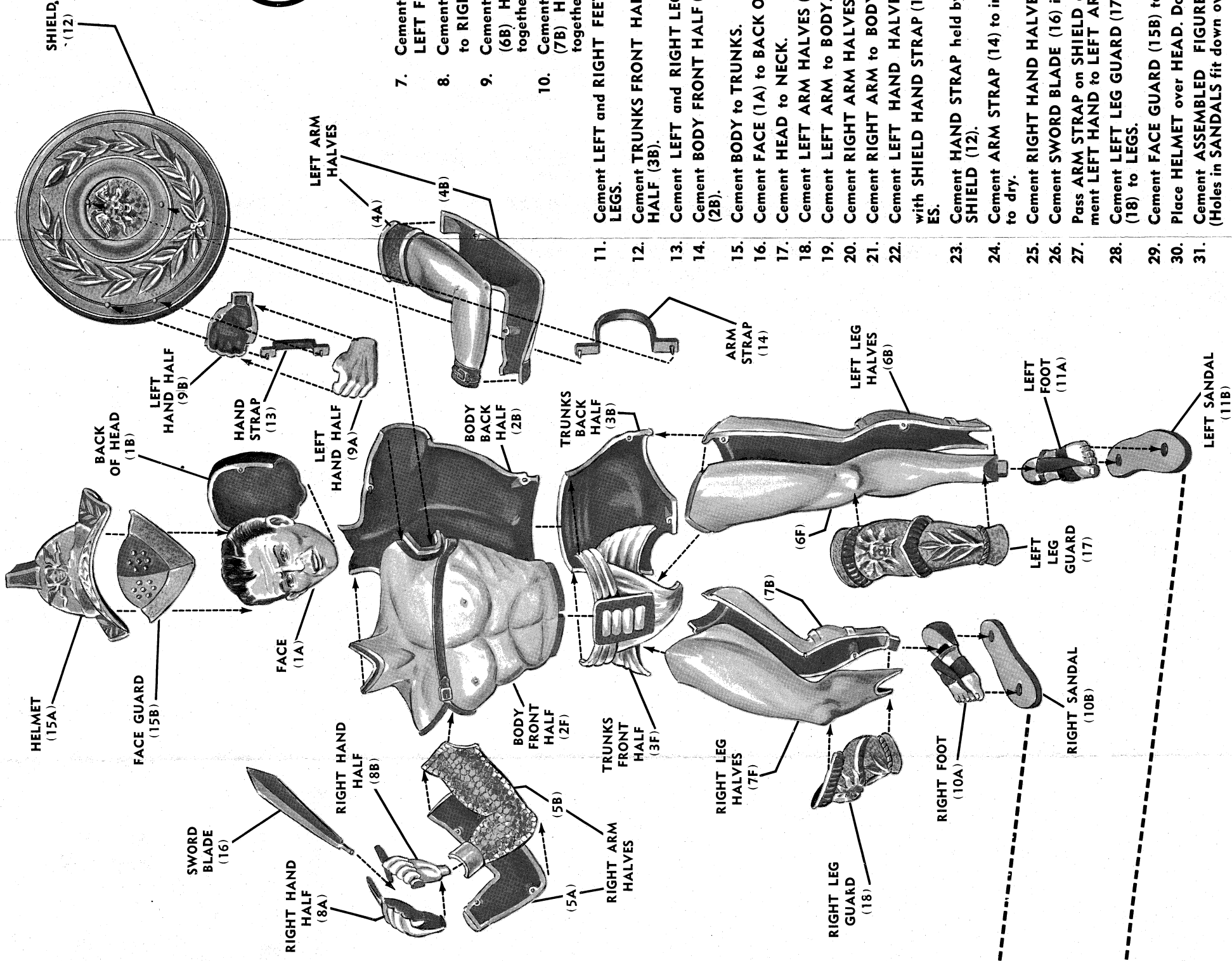
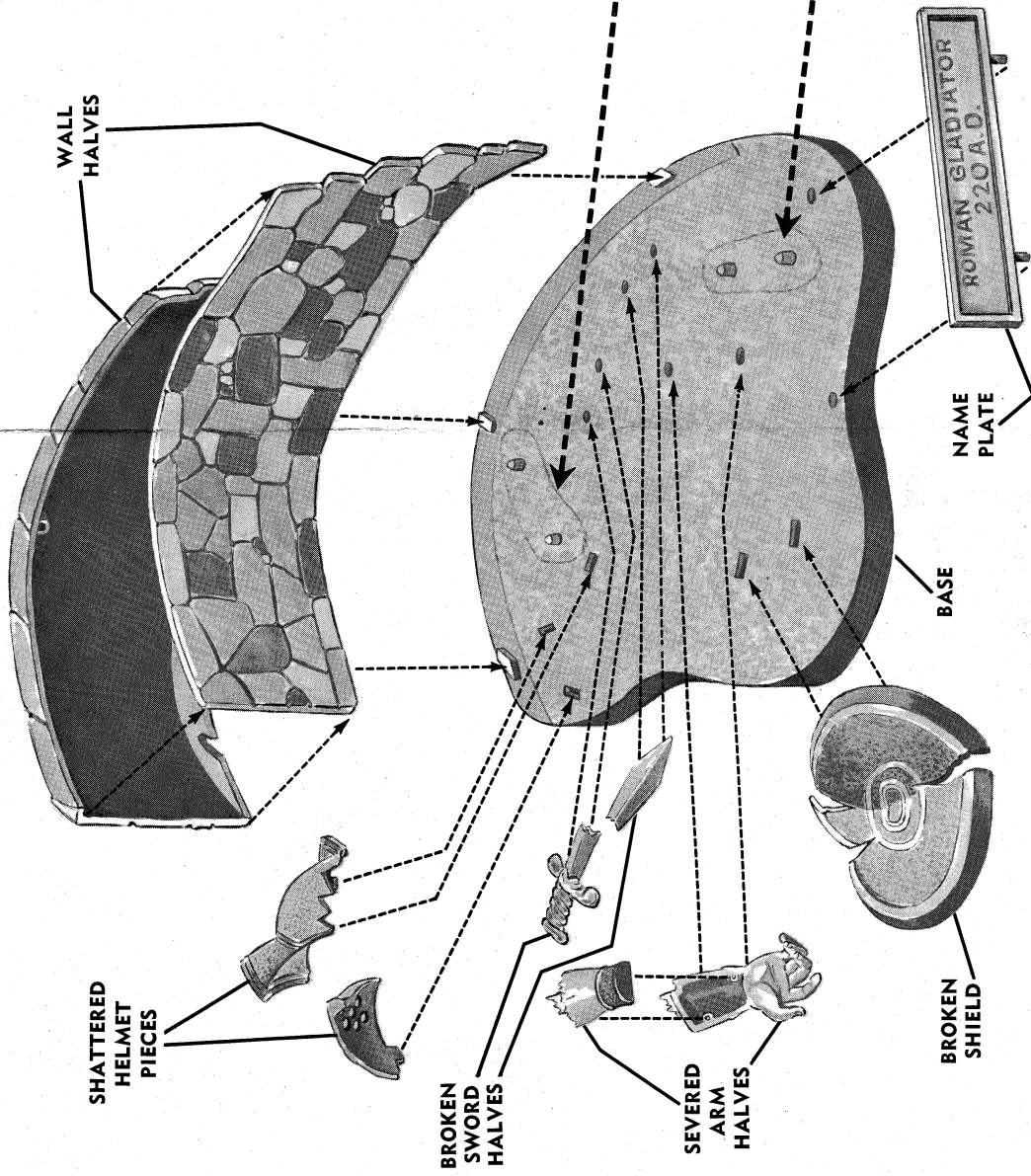
## ROMAN GLADIATOR

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FOR SUGGESTED DETAIL PAINTING SCHEME - SEE ILLUSTRATIONS. Paint parts as indicated and allow to dry before assembling.

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1. Cement WALL HALVES together. Then cement ASSEMBLED WALL SECTION to BASE.
2. Cement pegs on SHATTERED HELMET PIECES into holes in BASE.
3. Cement pegs on BROKEN SWORD HALVES into holes in BASE.
4. Cement SEVERED FOREARM HALVES together. Then cement to BASE.
5. Cement pegs on back of BROKEN SHIELD into holes in BASE.
6. Cement pegs on bottom of NAME PLATE into holes in BASE. The BASE is now completely assembled.



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7. Cement LEFT SANDAL (11B) to LEFT FOOT (11A).
8. Cement RIGHT SANDAL (10B) to RIGHT FOOT (10A).
9. Cement FRONT (6F) and BACK (6B) HALVES of LEFT LEG together.
10. Cement FRONT (7F) and BACK (7B) HALVES of RIGHT LEG together.

11. Cement LEFT and RIGHT FEET to LEFT and RIGHT LEGS.
12. Cement TRUNKS FRONT HALF (3F) to TRUNKS BACK HALF (3B).
13. Cement LEFT and RIGHT LEGS to TRUNKS.
14. Cement BODY FRONT HALF (2F) to BODY BACK HALF (2B).
15. Cement BODY to TRUNKS.
16. Cement FACE (1A) to BACK OF HEAD (1B).
17. Cement HEAD to NECK.
18. Cement LEFT ARM HALVES (4A) and (4B) together.
19. Cement LEFT ARM to BODY.
20. Cement RIGHT ARM HALVES (5A) and (5B) together.
21. Cement RIGHT ARM to BODY.
22. Cement LEFT HAND HALVES (9A) and (9B) together with SHIELD HAND STRAP (13) between HAND HALVES.
23. Cement HAND STRAP held by LEFT HAND to inside of SHIELD (12).
24. Cement ARM STRAP (14) to inside of SHIELD. Set aside to dry.
25. Cement RIGHT HAND HALVES (8A) and (8B) together.
26. Cement SWORD BLADE (16) into RIGHT HAND.
27. Pass ARM STRAP on SHIELD over LEFT ARM and cement LEFT HAND to LEFT ARM.
28. Cement LEFT LEG GUARD (17) and RIGHT LEG GUARD (18) to LEGS.
29. Cement FACE GUARD (15B) to HELMET (15A).
30. Place HELMET over HEAD. Do not cement.
31. Cement ASSEMBLED FIGURE to ASSEMBLED BASE. (Holes in SANDALS fit down over raised pegs in BASE).