

Based on Stanley Kubrick's Movie "Spartacus", what do we need to verify in our ancient sources and in modern scholarship?

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Persons / Characters / Groups	Dates / Events / Battles	Towns / Places	The slaves'/ rebels' and the Romans' intentions?	Cultural, religious, social aspects? e.g. Aspects of slavery	Anachronistic representations in the movie?	The Movie: Source criticism? Intentions...?
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- Varinia - Julius Caesar - Batiatus - Antoninus - Gracchus - Marcus Glabrus - Pompey - Plebians - Senate - Equestrians	- <i>Escape from Capua</i> - <i>Battle on the slopes of Vesuvius</i> - <i>Metapontum</i> - Timescales- 7 months from Vesuvius to coast? - Battle in the Appian mountains - Pompey arrival in Italy - 6000 slaves crucified	- <i>Capua</i> - <i>Brundisium</i> - <i>Cilicia</i> - Was Sparticus from Thrace? - Rome - Appian mountains - Aquitania - Vesuvius	- Sparticus- 'dreaming of the death of slavery'. States that he wants to free all the slaves and get to the sea. - Crassus- power over Rome. Pirate tells Spartacus that Crassus claims Spartacus has noble blood to excuse him winning. Initially Crassus just wants slaves out of Rome. - Caesar- power - Senate- divided into two sides fighting for power. Wants to avoid revolt spreading. - Cilician pirates- money, but they also offer Spartacus advice - Slaves- choose to be crucified rather than betray Spartacus. Shown	- Gladiatorial schools - The slaves don't mention religious beliefs. - The senators refer the 'gods', make a sacrifice before battle (though for appearances rather than because they believe it will help), mention ancestors temples - Women- noble women shown as unfaithful, sexual - Use of a wet nurse for a newborn baby, Verinia refuses - The slaves, and Batiatus choose freedom, dignity and love over wealth - Brotherly love between men (Spartacus/ Antoninus, Batiatus/Gracchus)	- Varinia being from Britannia (unlikely that Romans would have had British slaves at this time) - Marriage vows including faithfulness - 'God be with you' - Roman Garrisons mentioned repeatedly - SPQR? Was this used this early? - Caesar appointed first consul (Caesar appointed 46BC) and not born until July 100BC - 'fair play'	- political background of Kubrick, Douglas (not given part of Ben Hur), Fast (wrote the novel in prison), Trumbo (blacklisted as one of the Hollywood Ten) - Studio- keen not to waste money - Influence of church- Rome is 'pagan' but waiting for 'the new faith called Christianity' - American Civil Rights movement- Rome is 'fatally stricken with a disease called human slavery'. Black slaves shown training with white and a black slave refuses to kill Spartacus
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