

Comparative Essay Aztec Sports vs. Roman Sports

Some countries used sports to worship their god's, for example Greece offered praises and sacrifice to Zeus before they started their Olympic games. The Romans did their games for the amusement and pleasure of watching the blood. Aztecs did their games for the same reason as Greeks did, to honor their god's. Compare the sports of two of the following cultures : Roman, Greek, Aztec

Blood and gore is all Romans cared for their sports, they cared for only slashing, staving, and crushing up bodies. Romans were violent people when it came to the kind of sports they played. The Roman Empire was a big one, perhaps one of the biggest empires. Usually out of power, and strength comes corruption out of an empire. That is what accrued to the Roman people, that's what occurs to us when we sin. One drop of sin corrupts us all over. Their sports also became corrupt and bloody. Their main sport was Gladiators, gladiators were usually slaves which were captured, owed debts, or prisoners. Most of these slaves were trained to kill, to annihilate their enemies. They were trained to give the crowds amusement. That's what the purpose of Roman sports was.

Gladiators were given few weapons. They were given a sword to stave their opponent and make him bleed to death. Shields so they could protect themselves from flying arrows or slashes that were shot directly towards them to cause harm. Gladiators meant pride usually. A gladiator would gain his pride through out Rome, reaching up to the point that they would go to the Coliseums for their fights. A gladiator had to gain the crowds respect for him to survive if the crowds loved him they would ask for their lives to be spared. They had various ways for showing signs of mercy either by the crowd raising their thumbs for the desire of death. Putting their thumbs down for the spare of life. Commodus a famous emperor went as a gladiator to try to get his respect from the crowd as an emperor. Gladiator was their main sport. Their sport did not honor any god or anything religious. It was plain entertainment. Their entertainment was watching Gladiators plea for their mercy or die.

Aztec was one of the most civilized in Central America. Aztec's played sports also, their sports were like today's sports. Except they were a lot more difficult. Their sports, were similar to soccer, basketball, and baseball. Aztecs mostly played a sport called Tachli this sport was like basketball. It had a few differences, they didn't have a basketball hoop. They had a concrete ring where their purpose was to pass a rubber ball through it.

Aztecs sports were always dedicated to their god's. Tachtli was a sport believed to be that the god's played. The stadium they played in was supposedly heaven. Their god's would play with the stars and enjoy their time. This sport was designed in honor of their god's. Every time a player would make a "goal" he was allowed to take a piece of clothes from all the audience. That was the bad thing about being in the audience. Some of the people of the audience would disappear before their clothes were taken away. Basically Aztecs sport were made to honor their god's and a symbolism of wanting to be like them.

As you can tell there is a very big difference between Roman sports and Aztec sports. Romans decided to have their sports for amusement and to just watch the blood and gore and body parts go flying across the coliseum. Aztecs had their sports for amusement but at the same time it was a way to honor their god's. It was a symbolism of wanting to be like their gods.