

# Diction Notes- Jessa and Megan

“People should know when they’re conquered”

“Imagine where you will be, and it will be so.”

“Do not be troubled, for you are an elysium”

“Would you desist’ -

“would I?” - Maximus

- Foreshadowing that Maximus (the tragic hero) wouldn't give up, this shows bravery, stubbornness and that he will not let others overpower his freedom

“Unleash hell” - Maximus

- Lots of people holding swords, Maximus is riding his horse, dressed in armour
- Could show the beginning of something big,

“What we do in life echoes an eternity” - Maximus

- Shows that everything you do will effect everyone after you are gone, it will affect people forever.
- Reveals his Hubris, Hamartia

“Do you think he’s really dying” - male

“He’s been dying for 10 years” - female - 2 people talking in the carriage

- Worry is heard through the voice of the male
- A matter of fact tone, non sympathetic through the female

“Home”

- Is being discussed a lot
- Mentioned 4/5 times in the last 5ish mins
- Foreshadowing his reversal
- Because Maximus discusses ‘home’ so much is shows his weakness
- There are too many references to home for it to go his way, so it shows that Maximus probably won't be able to go back home

“I’ll always serve Rome” - Maximus

- Talking to Lucilla
- He is so tied to the duty of his country
- Hamartia

“Duty”

- Mentioned a lot, duty, showing he does what he has to not what he necessarily wants too.

**Second act, 48 min+**

“Don’t die they’ll feed you to the lions, they’re worth more than we are.”

- Bottom of the food chain
- Surrounded by animals
- Symbolism and imagery to reinforce peripeteia

“I did not pay good money for you to.....I paid it so that I could profit from your death”

- Proximo
- Shows power

“So finally after 5 years of scratching the living of flea infested villages, we are finally going back to where we belong, the colosseum.”

- Proximo talking to Maximus

“She slept so well because she is loved”

- Saying quantus wasn’t loved

“If you win the crowd, you win your freedom”

- Proximo to Maximus
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“Today I saw a slave become more important than the emperor of Rome”

- Indicates hope

“Give me two days and I will buy your freedom. And you stay alive, or I will be dead.”

- Talking to Maximus

“I know that you would die for Rome, die for your honor... But I on the other hand, am an entertainer.”

“I’m Maximus, the saviour of Rome!”

- Lucius talking to the Commodus

“Tell me what you have been doing busy little bee. Or I will strike down those close to you and bathe in their blood.”

- Commodus talking to Lucilla

“You would provide me with an heir of full blood.”

- Commodus

“Am I not merciful?”

- Commodus yelling at Lucilla

“A gladiator defied an emperor”

“What could be more glorious than the challenge the emperor himself in the great arena?”

- Commodus smug about challenging Maximus

“Unlike Maximus the invincible? Who knows no fear?”

“Aren't you the man that said death smiles at us all?.....”

“Lucius is safe”

- Maximus' last words

“Is Rome worth one good man's life? We believed it once, let us believe it again.”

- Lucilla after Maximus' death

“This soldier of Rome. Honor Him.”

- Lucilla