

Thought Notes- Callum and Meg

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(Storm - At his home, "rises up like a storm", clouds/smoke, animal imagery, cage/bars, Shadows and dust - need to leave a lasting legacy)

Loyalty - Maximus in the opening scene has a dog that followed him representing this idea of loyalty; man's best friend, never leaving his side, "You command the loyalty of the army", "because that is the last wish of a dying man", inspire loyalty

Duty - "I will always serve Rome", doesn't salute the Caesar in the first Colosseum battle

"Home"/Hope - Foreshadowing to the reversal of fortune, also reveals weakness (more of a dialogue thing), Home completely ravaged, burnt down symbolising a loss of hope; no home to go to. Commodus "thumbing up". Finally after the fight with Commodus, he is finally 'home', not in a literal sense, but because all he wanted from the beginning was to be at home completing his arc

Respect - (Montage of Maximus speaking with the troops, "give power back to the people of Rome")

Love/Family- Broken relationship between Commodus and his father Marcus has led Commodus to be irrational due to the anger brought on by him from the shunning by his father. Marcus instead found Maximus to be the son he wanted

Legacy -

Slavery -

The Great Chain of Being - From being respected in the 'great army of Rome' to being dressed in rags being a slave for entertainment, Maximus has broken from his place in the great chain of being. Starts to work his way back up (scene where 'slave master' gives him an iron chest plate), gladiator killed emperor

Clothing - Is a reflection of a character's state throughout the movie: Commodus' armour gets darker as the movie progresses to show how broken and evil he is, White armor in the end shows us how he thinks he has won so has no need to worry. *F e m a l e* progressively gets a lighter dress, but as her plan fails we see her dressed in a colour that can be described as 'dead leaves'

Cutting away his old life, no name,