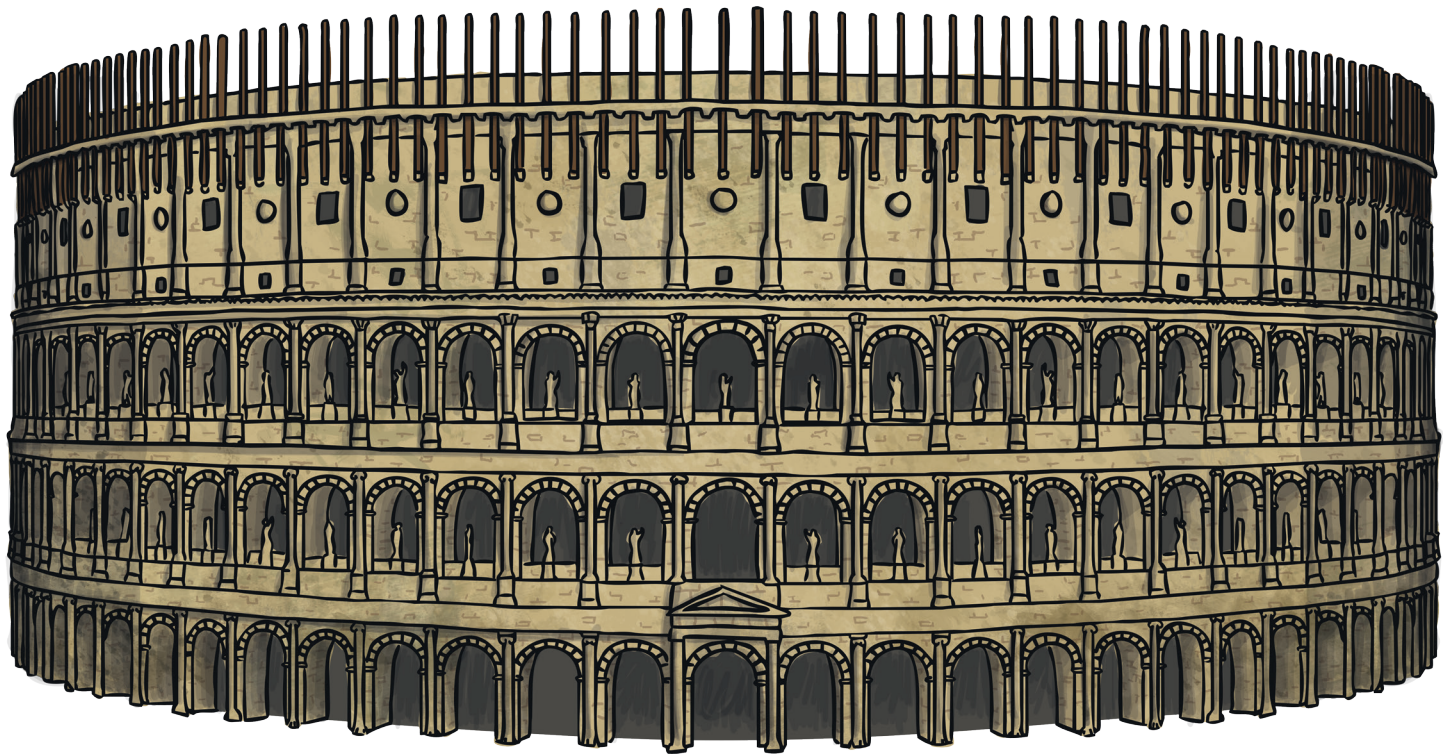


The Colosseum



What is the Colosseum?

The Colosseum was a famous arena for watching gladiator contests, sports, public executions and theatre. It was built between AD72 and AD80 in Rome, Italy. Now it is mainly used as a tourist attraction with around 4.2 million people visiting every year.

Interesting Facts

- The Colosseum could seat up to 80,000 spectators in the audience.
- It is the largest amphitheatre ever built.
- It is made out of concrete and sand, built by thousands of slaves.
- Underneath are many passageways that were used by the gladiators and animals to move around.
- The base of the arena had many trap doors that could be used for effect during dramatic plays.

