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The Colosseum

Open-Ended Questions Answer Key

Here are potential answers to the open-ended questions, though they may vary based on individual interpretation and creativity:

1. The Romans wanted to demonstrate their power, wealth, and advanced engineering skills. The Colosseum also served as a place to entertain the public and strengthen loyalty to the emperor.
2. By providing free entertainment and exciting events, the emperor gained the support and admiration of the people. These events distracted citizens from other issues and reinforced the idea of the emperor's generosity and strength.
3. The Colosseum shows that the Romans were master builders and engineers. They used advanced techniques and materials like concrete to create a durable structure that could accommodate large crowds and even hold water for naval battles.
4. (Example response) I would like to see a gladiator battle because it would be exciting and show the bravery of the fighters. It would also be amazing to witness how the Colosseum brought people together for such dramatic events.

