Classical Studies 91025

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**Links between cultural codes of behaviour and societal expectations in ancient Rome and Modern New Zealand.**

The Colosseum was built in the time of the ancient Romans. In this time, people indulged in seeing combats and blood. They enjoyed lavish ceremonies and luxuries and did not see the acts that took place inside the Colosseum as wicked (3). They simply believed that criminals were being punished for their offences and that this was fair. The Romans saw the killings that occurred in the Colosseum as a form of entertainment and public pleasure (2). They also saw the *ludi* as a way of restoring social order – finding a balance between crime and punishment. Public executions were the best method of doing that. (1)

In New Zealand, rugby plays a major part in society. Rugby games happen in many venues but the high scale games happen in large stadiums, such as Wellington's Westpac Stadium. It is the national sport, and not only does it bring New Zealand pride and happiness (2), but is also joins the country together as one, sharing a love for a sport (2). The All Blacks are of the most well-known groups of people in the whole country, which is truly reflects the significance of the sport the country. In New Zealand, it is frowned upon to murder people, or to execute them (1). In New Zealand society it is expected that people do not discriminate because of race, colour, gender, religion, or social ranking. It is not expected that you should stand by and watch another person be executed, and it is not expected that you should indulge in the torture of another person (1).