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The votes for the themes of 2012 are in! This is the full list of themes through the end of next year:
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Gladiator school found at Carnuntum
A gladiator school and the third largest arena in the Roman world have been identified at Carnuntum east of Vienna in Austria, it is claimed.

Using ground-penetrating radar, archaeologists detected a series of structures inside a walled compound. One building contained 40 small cells. Archaeologists of the Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum have tentatively identified the complex as a ludus, or gladiatorial training school. The interpretation is supported by the find inside the central courtyard of a circular arena, the size of which rivals the Ludus Magnus and Colosseum in Rome. Within the arena is the footing of a large stake, believed to be a wooden post used for target practice. Outside the compound is a cemetery.

“[This is] a world sensation, in the true meaning of the word,” said Lower Austrian provincial governor Erwin Proell.

Carnuntum was originally founded by Tiberius in AD 6 as his base for military operations against the Marcomanni. Its civilian outgrowth later became the capital of Upper Pannonia.