

Theseus and the Minotaur Activity

LINKED TO: ACTIVITY 4 THESEUS DRAMA ACTIVITY & ACTIVITY 5 DIRECTIONS ACTIVITY

Teacher Notes and Curriculum Information

Links to The Northern Ireland Primary Curriculum.

Talking and Listening:

- Listen and respond to fiction.
- Tell, retell and interpret stories.
- Participate in class and group discussions.
- Participate in drama activities.
- Improvise a scene based on literature.

Reading:

- Participate in shared reading experiences.
- Represent their understanding of texts in a variety of ways.
- Consider, interpret and discuss texts.

Writing:

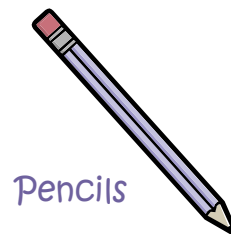
- Participate in guided and independent writing.
- Experiment with verse structure.
- Use skills of planning and revising to improve their writing.

The Arts:

- Responding to first hand experiences, memory and imagination.

Theseus and the Minotaur Sentence strips

Cut-Out & Laminate for re-use

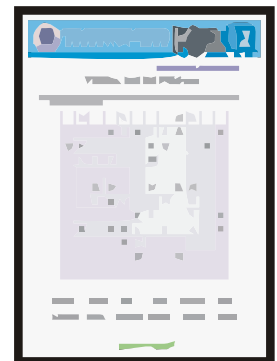


Pencils

Theseus and the Minotaur Paragraph strips

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RESOURCES



Theseus and the Minotaur Word Search Sheet



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Class and Group Work

Step One

Give each child in the class a cut out sentence. Ask them to quietly move around the class until they have found other children with sentences that have the same patterned borders as their own.

Step Two

Get the children to sit down in their found groups and arrange their sentences into a coherent paragraph.

Step Three

Get each group to read their finished paragraph to the class.

Questions:-

Which paragraph do you think starts the story?

Which ends it?

Step Four

Give each group a copy of the cut up paragraphs that make the story. Ask them to put them into order.

Step Five

Feedback to the whole class.



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Step Six

As children finish, ask them to attempt the word search.

Individual or Pair Work - Assuming that this is the next lesson:

Step One

Ask the children to recap on the story. Elicit the names of the main characters and write on the board. (King Minos, King of Athens, Theseus, Minotaur, Ariadne, the youths travelling with Theseus).

Step Two

Elicit how the children think that each of these characters might feel. What words would best describe their emotions?

Step Three

Ask the children to retell the story, in the first person, from the point of view of one of these characters. They could do this as a piece of writing with illustrations, a cartoon or as a dramatic representation.

Step Four

You could also use the names elicited in Step 1 above as the topic word for an acrostic poem based on the myth. An acrostic poem uses the letters in the topic word to begin each line. All lines should relate to or describe the topic word.

PARAGRAPH WORKSHEET 4 of 8

Theseus and the Minotaur

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Now, King Minos had defeated the King of Athens in a war. To avoid the threat of his country being destroyed, every 9 years the King of Athens would send seven boys and seven girls to King Minos as a sacrifice. King Minos would then send the fourteen young people from Athens into the labyrinth. No one ever came out of the labyrinth alive.



The King of Athens had a son called Theseus. Theseus was horrified when he learnt why the boys and girls were being sent to Crete. He decided to go to Crete as one of the prisoners, and kill the Minotaur.



King Minos had a daughter named Ariadne. When she saw Theseus, she fell in love with him and decided she would help him to defeat the Minotaur. Ariadne gave Theseus a ball of string and told him to tie it to the entrance of the Labyrinth. He unwound it as he went through the passages, so that he could follow it back out again.



When Theseus found the Minotaur, he killed it with one blow of his sword. Then he quickly wound up the string and led all the young people out of the labyrinth. They sailed back to Athens. They were the first people to have survived going into the Minotaur's labyrinth!





SENTENCE WORKSHEET 5 of 8

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WORD SEARCH WORKSHEET 8 of 8

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Hidden in the box below are words to do with the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. They are written forwards, backwards, up and down and diagonally. The first one has been done for you. Can you find all twelve?

L	N	P	I	R	I	L	E	U	D	E	S
C	A	T	H	E	N	S	S	G	E	R	T
O	G	B	U	L	L	K	U	H	E	N	R
F	L	E	Y	T	A	W	E	T	M	C	I
O	E	T	E	R	C	A	S	E	I	I	N
U	O	R	O	I	I	N	E	R	N	L	G
R	M	F	N	F	O	N	H	C	O	M	R
T	E	E	A	M	D	Y	T	Y	T	J	H
E	R	C	K	A	L	F	S	H	A	M	U
E	A	M	I	N	O	S	T	A	U	T	T
N	T	R	N	I	W	O	L	N	R	H	H
E	A	T	G	C	A	R	A	I	P	Y	M

Words to find:

~~Athens~~

Ariadne

Bull

Crete

Fourteen

King

Labyrinth

Minos

Minotaur

Monster

Theseus

String