

**1° ESO. MYTHS. ARIADNE'S STORY.**

**Warming Up Activity.**

**Answer these questions about myths:**

**1.** What kind of story do you think a myth is?

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**2.** Name some myths that you know:

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**3.** What do you think are the differences between a myth, and a fairytale?

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**Do you AGREE or DISAGREE? Explain why.**

<b>Myths</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
A myth is a story that is not factual		
A myth is a story about princes, princesses, and witches		
A myth is an adventure story about a real person		
A myth may explain how things began		
Many groups of people have myths about a flood		
Myths are stories about ordinary people		
Most myth heroes are male		
Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster are myths		

***LET'S START! We are going to read an extract of the myth Theseus and the Minotaur called Ariadne's Story. First, we are going to see what a Minotaur is and how it was created.***



### **THE MINOTAUR: CREATION**

Watch the video from the History Channel and answer the following questions:

<http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/greek-mythology/videos/origins-of-the-minotaur?m=528e394da93ae&s=undefined&f=1&free=false>

1. What's a Minotaur?
2. Where did the Minotaur live?
3. Who did king Minos sacrifice a bull in honour of?
4. Why did Poseidon get angry with Minos?
5. What did he do to take revenge?
6. What is the Minotaur like?

### **ARIADNE'S STORY**

#### **Remember! – Myths**

Myths are stories that are set in the ancient past. The people who originally told them and listened to them believed that they were true, or that parts of them were true. In Greece, as in other countries, myths were part of an ancient religion and explained the history of the people and the country. The gods and goddesses in Greek myths had superhuman powers.

1. 🎧 Read and listen to the 'Background to the story' and *Ariadne's Story*. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false ones.
  - 1 King Minos was the strongest king in the world. T / F
  - 2 King Minos sent Enarus to the Labyrinth. T / F
  - 3 Every year the King of Athens sent fourteen young men and women to take part in the bullfights. T / F
  - 4 The Minotaur lived in the labyrinth below the palace of King Minos. T / F
  - 5 There were a lot of people watching the bullfight. T / F
  - 6 The white bull killed Theseus. T / F
  - 7 King Minos offered Theseus a hundred gold pieces. T / F
  - 8 Theseus accepted the gold pieces. T / F
  - 9 King Minos asked Theseus to kill the Minotaur. T / F
  - 10 Ariadne decided to try to save Theseus. T / F

## 2. Match the characters 1–6 to descriptions a–f.

- 1 The King of Athens
- 2 Ariadne
- 3 The Minotaur
- 4 King Minos
- 5 Theseus
- 6 Enarus

- a wanted freedom for his people.
- b sent fourteen young men and women to Crete every year
- c lived in the Labyrinth and ate bullfighters.
- d went away from Crete.
- e had to keep his promise to the gods.
- f wanted to help Theseus escape.

### Plot development

The events of a story are called the plot. When the characters face challenges or conflicts, the plot can become more interesting. These challenges and conflicts make the story more exciting because the reader wants to know what happens next. These events are also called 'climaxes'.

## 3. Read 'Plot development'. Then put these events from the text in the correct order.

- Ariadne decides to help Theseus escape.
- Minos tells Theseus he must go to the Labyrinth to meet the Minotaur and die.
- Theseus fights the white bull.
- Minos discovers that Ariadne is in love with Enarus and sends Enarus away from Crete.
- Theseus wins the bullfight and asks for freedom for the people of Athens.
- Minos is angry with Theseus

## 4. What do you think will happen next?

- 1 Theseus kills King Minos and escapes with Ariadne in a boat to Naxos.
- 2 Ariadne enters the Labyrinth to find Theseus.
- 3 The Minotaur kills Theseus.
- 4 Minos discovers that Ariadne is going to escape, so he sends his men to stop her.

## Speaking

### 5. Theseus asked for a reward but Minos said it was too big. In pairs, discuss a suitable reward for the following achievements.

- 1 Winning an international sports event.
- 2 Helping an old person do the shopping or work in their garden.
- 3 Giving the police information to catch a thief.
- 4 Finding somebody's favourite pet.

**6. Find out more about what happened in the story of Ariadne, Theseus and the Minotaur. Write about the next part of the story. Use these questions to help you.**

- 1 How did Theseus escape from the Labyrinth?
- 2 Did Theseus and Ariadne escape from Crete?
- 3 What happened next?

## **Project**

7. In groups, choose one of the following Myths and prepare a power point presentation on it. You must include the following information.

- \* Where is the myth from?
- \* What is the story about?
- \* Main characters in the myth
- \* Is the myth trying to explain any natural phenomena? What is it?

Myths to work on....

- Leprecauns
- Perseus and Medusa
- Pandora's Box
- Persephone and Demeter
- King Midas
- Hercules