

Distance Teaching and Learning
Year 4 Reading – Week Commencing 08.06.2020

Day	Book	Reading Expectation	Follow-Up Task
Monday	Theseus and the Minotaur Retold by Jenny Jinks	Please read pages 4– 11 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.	Answer the following questions in full sentences. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Where does the story take place? 2) Describe King Minos in your own words. 3) What was King Minos’s secret? 4) What is a labyrinth? 5) What was the deal made by the two kings?
Tuesday	Theseus and the Minotaur Retold by Jenny Jinks	Please read pages 12 -21 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.	Answer the following questions in full sentences. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Find two adjectives that the author uses to describe Prince Theseus. 2) What were the two reasons that the Aegeus did not want his son to fight the Minotaur? 3) How would King Aegeus know that his son had successfully beaten the Minotaur? 4) Why was King Minos surprised when Theseus volunteered to go into the labyrinth first? 5) What three things did Ariadne give the prince to help him in the labyrinth?
Wednesday	Theseus and the Minotaur Retold by Jenny Jinks	Please read pages 22 – 28 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.	Answer the following questions in full sentences. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What use was a ball of string to Theseus? 2) What did Ariadne want in return for helping Theseus and why? 3) On page 25, how does the author help the reader to imagine how dark the labyrinth is? 4) On page 26, what word does the author use that means unending time? 5) On page 27, it says ‘Theseus scabbled around in the dirt at his feet for some stones’. What effect does the word scabbled have on the reader?
Thursday	Theseus and the Minotaur Retold by Jenny Jinks	Please read pages 29 – 38 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.	Answer the following questions in full sentences. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What advantage did the Minotaur have over Theseus at the beginning of the battle? 2) Why did Ariadne finally leave the gates of the labyrinth? 3) On page 34, it says “Theseus waited, poised to strike again.’ What does the word poised mean in this sentence? 4) When Theseus first feels the string on page 36, what does he think it might be? 5) How does Theseus’s mood change throughout the chapter?

Friday

Theseus and the Minotaur
Retold by Jenny Jinks

Please read pages 39 – 48 independently or to an adult. If you are finding the text too tricky to read, ask an adult to read it to you and share the book together.

Answer the following questions in full sentences.

- 1) How did King Minos repay Theseus for killing the Minotaur?
- 2) “We will have such a happy life together once we are married. We can have lots of children... and best of all we will be far away from my father.” When Ariadne says this to Theseus why is he surprised?
- 3) Where did Theseus leave Ariadne?
- 4) Why did King Aegeus throw himself into the sea?
- 5) How did Theseus try to make up for causing his father’s death?

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Day	Follow-Up Task Answers
Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The story takes place on the island of Crete.2) King Minos was a powerful, greedy, selfish bully who took anything he wanted from those around him.3) The king's secret was that he had a son hidden away because he was half man and half beast.4) A labyrinth is a complicated network of paths or tunnels like a maze.5) The two kings agreed that 7 young men and 7 young women would be sent from Athens each year and fed to the Minotaur to keep him happy. This way the people of Crete would be spared and King Minos would stop his army from fighting the Athenians.
Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The author calls Prince Theseus brave and fearless.2) King Aegeus did not want his son to fight the Minotaur because he loved him and he wanted him to take over the kingdom once he was dead.3) If Theseus was successful and returning home safely, he had to change the sails on his ship from black to white.4) King Minos was surprised that Theseus had volunteered to go first as no one had ever volunteered to go into the labyrinth first.5) Ariadne gave Theseus a map, a ball of string and a sword.
Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The ball of string was so that Theseus could find his way out of the maze. If he tied it to something at the entrance and unwound it as he goes he would be able to follow it back out.2) Ariadne wanted Theseus to take him with her when he returned home because she hated her father and the way he treated the people around him.3) The author writes 'It was so dark he couldn't even see his own hand in front of his face' to help the reader imagine just how dark it was.4) The word eternity means unending time.5) The word 'scrabbled' helps the reader imagine Theseus scratching and groping around with his fingers to find the stones in the dark.
Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The Minotaur is able to see in the dark from years of living in the labyrinth, which gives him an advantage.2) After hearing the Minotaur roar for the second time, Ariadne believes that Theseus has been killed so she gives up waiting for him and leaves the gate with her father.3) The word poised means composed, self-assured and ready to strike in this sentence.4) Theseus thinks that the string might be a strange creature put in the maze by King Minos to stop people escaping.5) At first Theseus is relieved that the Minotaur is dead, and then he feels exhausted and worried he will not find a way out and finally he is filled with hope once he finds the string and sees the way out.
Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To repay Theseus for killing the Minotaur, King Minos promised that Athens would be safe for as long as he was king.2) Theseus is surprised that Ariadne thinks they are going to be married as he had only promised to help her escape from Crete. He was planning to marry someone else.3) Theseus left Ariadne on the island of Naxos.4) King Aegeus killed himself because he saw black sails on the ship and thought that the Minotaur had killed Theseus.5) To make up for causing his father's death, Theseus makes a promise to be the kindest, fairest king that Athens has even seen.

