

# Theseus the Minotaur

PART 1



Once upon a time, a long time ago, there lived a king named Minos.

King Minos lived on a lovely island called Crete. He had a powerful navy, a beautiful daughter, and a very big palace. But sometimes he got bored. When he got bored he took his navy and attacked Athens.



In desperation, the king of Athens offered King Minos a deal.

If Minos left Athens alone, the King of Athens would send 7 Athenian boys and 7 Athenian Girls to Crete to be eaten by the Minotaur every 9 years.



The Minotaur was a horrible monster that lived in the centre of a very big Maze. This was on the island Of Crete.

King Minos loved that monster. He loved to have the monster happy. So he accepted the deal.



Nine years passed and it was time for the king of Athens to send the 7 girls and 7 boys to be eaten by the Minotaur. Everyone in Athens was crying.

Prince Theseus of Athens was very young. He knew that a deal was a deal. But he said it was wrong to send the children to Crete.

The prince told his father, the king, that **HE** was going To Crete to kill the Minotaur



"The Minotaur is a terrible monster! What makes you think you can kill it?" said his father.

"I'll find a way," said Theseus. "The gods will help me."



His father didn't want him to go. But the prince, 6 Athenian boys and 7 Athenian girls sailed to Crete.

**A. READ THE STORY AND ANSWER**

1. Who was Minos?

.....

2. Where did Minos live?

.....

3. Did Minos live in a small palace?

.....

4. What city did Minos attack?

.....

**B. Choose A, B, or C. Circle the correct letter.**

1. The king of Athens and King Minos made:

- A. WAR      B. A GAME      C. A DEAL

2. The Minotaur lived in:

- A. ATHENS      B. AMAZE      C. A PALACE

3. The minotaur liked to eat:

- A. FISH      B. CHILDREN      C. MEN

4. Theseus was:

- A. A PRINCE      B. A KING      C. A MONSTER

**C. MATCH**

- |                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. The Minotaur             | went to Crete.                |
| 2. Theseus                  | was a terrible monster.       |
| 3. The king of Athens       | sailed on a ship.             |
| 4. Theseus and the children | didn't want his son to leave. |