

2 Listen and read.



Heroes Connect say: Hello, Owls. Have you got a story about a hero for our Wall of Fame?

The Owls say: Yes, we have. Here's a famous Greek myth.

WALL OF FAME

Theseus and the Minotaur

1 This story begins with a cruel king. His name is Minos and he lives on an island called Crete. Minos has got a very big army and all of the other kings are scared of him.

2 Minos lives in a big palace. In the centre of the palace, there's a labyrinth. He keeps a terrible beast there – the Minotaur. This creature is half man and half bull. It's got long, black hair and its favourite snack is humans.

3 Every year, King Aegeus of Athens sends seven young men and women to Crete.

Why do you send people to Crete, Father?

King Minos orders me to send them.

Why don't they return to Athens?

Because the Minotaur eats them.

4 Theseus doesn't want more people to die.

What are you doing, Theseus?

I'm preparing to go to Crete. I want to fight the Minotaur.

5 King Minos is waiting in Crete. When he sees Theseus, he laughs.

Ha ha! You're small and thin. The Minotaur is going to eat you in one bite.

I'm not scared of the Minotaur.

6 King Minos's daughter, Ariadne, listens to Theseus. She thinks he's very brave. She wants to help him.

Take this ball of string to your arm. Use it to escape from the labyrinth.

Thank you.

7 Inside the labyrinth, it's dark and cold. Theseus can't see the Minotaur, but he can hear it breathing.

What a horrible smell!

8 Theseus and the Minotaur fight for a long time. The Minotaur has got terrible horns, but Theseus is fast and clever. Finally, the Minotaur falls down.

The Minotaur is dead!

9 Step by step, Theseus follows the string. It takes a long time, but he finally escapes from the labyrinth. Ariadne is waiting for him.

You're safe!

Thanks to your ball of string.

While Minos and his friends help each other.

10 The Minotaur is a Greek mythical beast. You can see it in famous Greek paintings, comic books and adventure films. It's a cruel and scary monster.

BEFORE YOU READ

- Look, think and answer.
 - What do you think doesn't appear in this myth?

a ball of string
a castle

a king
a monster
a prince
 - Who do you think the hero is? Why?
 - Do you think this is a true story? Why?

READ THE STORY

- Listen and read.

AFTER YOU READ

- Read and correct.
 - The labyrinth is in Athens.
 - Theseus is tall and strong.
 - The Minotaur has got short, blonde hair.
 - King Minos helps Theseus.
 - Theseus uses scissors to escape from the labyrinth.
- Read, think and answer.
 - Do you like the story? Why?
 - How do you think Theseus feels in Pictures 5, 7 and 9?
 - What do you think Theseus and Ariadne do next?
 - Do you think the myth has a happy ending? Why?
 - Do you know any myths from your country?