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Brave Prince Theseus and Princess Ariadne set out to kill the deadly Minotaur with a sword and a ball of string. The Prince headed into the maze to kill the Minotaur and save the children that had been chosen to be eaten by the bull. He tied the end of the string to the door at the beginning of the maze so that he would find his way back again. He managed to destroy the terrifying Minotaur and escape King Minos's island with Ariadne, saving the lives of the innocent children.

1. Who are the main characters?
2. What happened at the end?
3. What did Theseus do to the Minotaur?
4. Which words tell you that the Minotaur is scary?
6. What ideas are we given about Theseus?
7. Why is it easier to read a myth that ends happily?
8. Does the author like the Minotaur? How do you know?
9. How did you know that Theseus would succeed in rescuing the children?



# Myths and Legends – Vocabulary

Myths and legends are full of fancy and descriptive language.

They use words carefully

To put ideas in your head. This is called 'imagery'.

Use a thesaurus to find more of a WOW word for each of the words.

Here is an example:

Shiny – glittering, luminescent, golden, dazzling...

- Old
- Brave
- Happy
- Magical
- Scared
- Clever

Put your favourite words from the thesaurus in sentences. Choose 3.