

Answers

1. Each year, how many girls were offered to the Minotaur? Tick one.

- three
- seven**
- five
- one

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order that they occurred.

- 3** Theseus and Ariadne asked Daedalus for help.
- 4** Theseus defeated the Minotaur.
- 2** Theseus and the children set sail for Crete.
- 1** Aegeus begged Theseus not to go.

3. Look at the paragraph beginning **Before Aegeus could even...**

Find and copy one word which means the same as **beat**.

defeat

4. Who gave Theseus the ball of string?

Daedalus gave Theseus the ball of string.

5. Add in the missing words to complete the sentence.

On the way back from Crete, Theseus forgot to change his **black**-coloured sails to **white**-coloured sails.

6. Imagine that you are Theseus about to fight the Minotaur.

Describe how you feel.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I am terrified because this beast is so vicious that it has to be locked away inside a huge maze. I hope that I am successful and that the string works. If it doesn't, I could be trapped here forever.

7. What do you think happened when Theseus arrived home? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Theseus would have gone straight to his father who would be surprised to discover that Theseus had been successful. This is because he forgot to change the sails from black to white.

8. Describe King Minos's character using the text to help you.

Pupils' own responses, such as: King Minos is unfair because in the text it says Ariadne '...wanted to escape from her father and his unfair laws.' He is also not a very nice person because it says that he enjoyed attacking Athens.