

# Answers

1. Which word best describes Theseus's journey to Crete? Tick one.

- rough
- gentle**
- unsettled
- rocky

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

- 1** Minos began attacking the city of Athens.
- 3** Theseus promised to take Ariadne away from Crete.
- 4** Theseus set sail for Athens.
- 2** Aegeus struck a deal with Minos.

3. Look at the paragraph beginning **Aegeus was shocked**. Find and copy one word or phrase which shows that Aegeus had given up.

**Aegeus had to admit defeat.**

4. Why did Ariadne help Theseus?

**Ariadne helped Theseus because she wanted him to take her away from Crete.**

5. Name one way in which Theseus was better than the Minotaur.

**Accept either Theseus was quicker than the Minotaur or Theseus was smarter than the Minotaur.**

6. Summarise Theseus's plan using 20 words or fewer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Theseus planned on replacing one of the seven boys so that he could go to Crete and defeat the Minotaur.**

7. Compare the characters of Theseus and Aegeus.

How are the two different?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Theseus is brave but Aegeus is a coward. I think this because Aegeus chose to make a deal with King Minos that put children in danger whereas Theseus chose to put his own life in danger to save those children.**

8. ...**forgetting all about the promise that he had made to his father.**

Why do you think that the author has chosen to end the story like this? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the author has chosen to end the story like this to make you wonder what happened next. This is because Theseus had promised that he would display white sails if he had been successful but he forgot about this and sailed with black sails instead.**

9. Do you think that Theseus was right to go and slay the Minotaur? Explain your answer fully.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Theseus was right to slay the Minotaur because it stopped defenceless children from getting hurt. It wasn't fair for the kings to make a deal like that and Theseus stopped it from happening any more.**