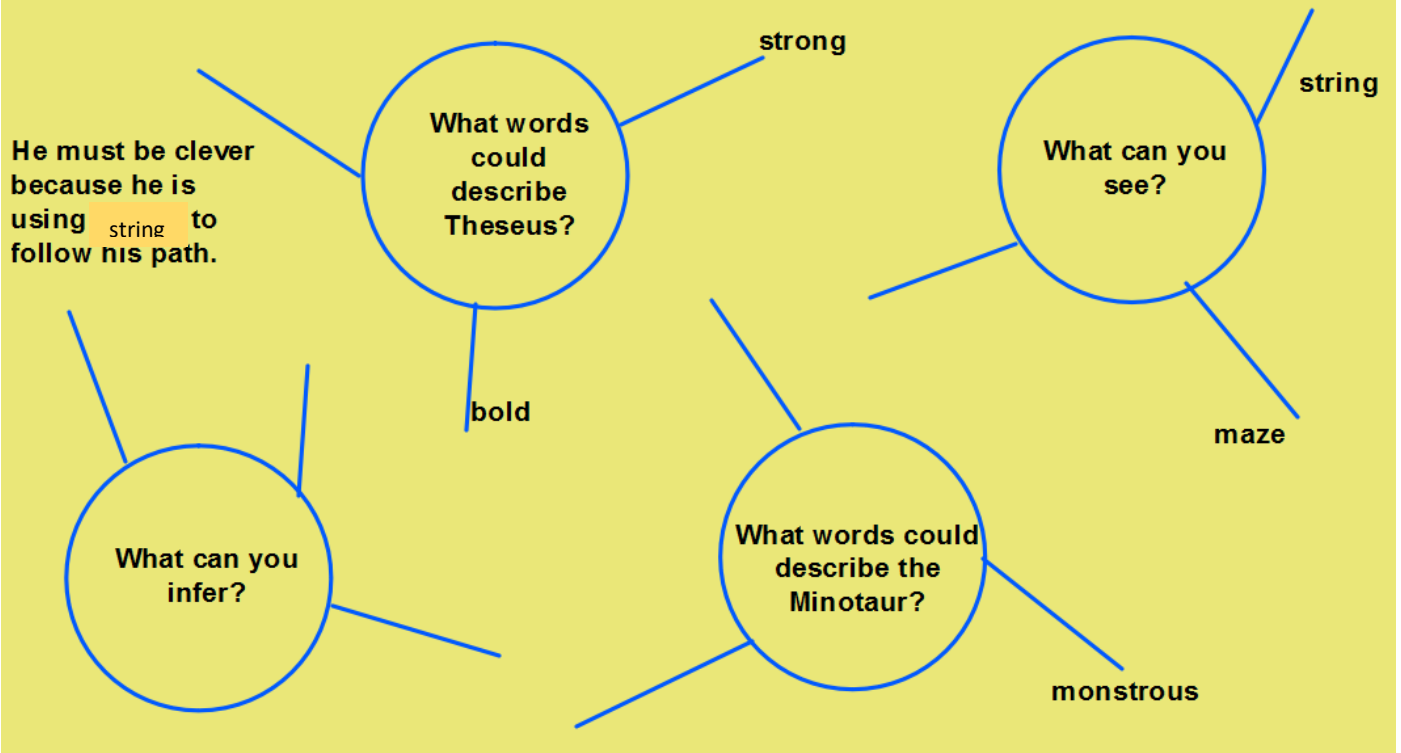
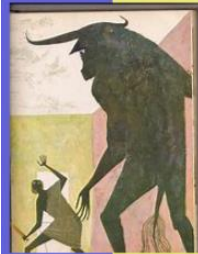


English Resources Week 4

Monday Resources:

Make sure your inferences are not what you can see but what you can't see.
 What clues do you get about the myth because of what you can see?



Tuesday's Resources:

Poem

THE MYTH OF THE MINOTAUR

A POEM BY PAUL FERRO

There once was a king called Minos,
Who ruled an island known as Crete.
He was the meanest, cruellest king
That you could ever meet.

King Minos had a pet monster,
A man with the head of a bull.
This monster liked to eat people,
Its hunger was insatiable.

The scary creature had a name,
It was known as the "minotaur".
It had sharp teeth that could bite you,
And big pointy horns that could gore.

The monster lived in the labyrinth,
A huge maze of long corridors.
King Minos kept it locked up there
Behind big strong oak doors.

But every now and then, the king
Would give the minotaur a treat.
He'd put some people in the maze
For the monster to eat.

One day, a hero, Theseus,
A very brave young man,

Decided to end the killings,
And came up with a plan.

He offered to be sacrificed
To the monster with the bull's head
But he did not plan to be killed,
His plan was to kill it instead.

Minos's daughter, the princess,
Thought Theseus was cool.
To help him succeed on his quest
She gave him a big ball of wool.

She told him to let out the wool
Behind himself, as he explored,
That way he'd find his way back out.
And she also gave him a sword.

Theseus found the minotaur.
It gave a terrible bellow.
But Theseus was not afraid,
He was a courageous fellow.

It lowered its horns and charged, but
Theseus jumped aside.
He stabbed the monster with his sword
And it fell down, and died.

Then he followed the trail of wool
And found himself once more.
And no-one ever was again
Eaten up by a minotaur.

Theseus and the Minotaur

There was no more evil king than King Minos of Crete - everyone was afraid of him. He had built a huge maze of passages underneath his palace. There he kept a large and terrifying monster: the Minotaur, who was half man and half bull. He fed this monster with humans.

Every year, the king of Athens had to send seven young men and seven young women to Crete to be fed to the monster. It was the only way to stop King Minos making war on Athens.

Now the king of Athens had a son called Theseus who was brave but foolhardy. One day he said to his father, "we have to stop the King of Crete feeding our young people to his monster. I'll go to Crete and kill the beast."

"Go then, with my blessing," said the King. He handed Theseus a white sail. "Take this with you. If you kill the Minotaur, hang the sail on the main mast of the ship. Then I'll know you are coming home alive."

When he arrived in Crete, the King's guards happily led Theseus down to the entrance of the maze. There they removed his sword and left him to wait for the monster. Theseus took a deep breath. He was a brave man but he was not terribly clever. Now he didn't even have his sword with him. And even if he did manage to kill the beast, how was he going to find his way back out of the maze?

Just then, Theseus heard someone whispering his name.

"I must be going mad," he said to himself. "No one would come here with an angry monster on the loose."

But then he heard it again. There, stood behind him was Ariadne, one of King Minos's daughters. She handed Theseus a sword and a ball of wool. Theseus was grateful for the sword, but what use was a ball of wool?

"You take the wool," said Ariadne. "And I'll hold the end of the wool. It will unravel as you walk around the maze. When you want to come out again, all you have to do is wind it up."

"But why do you want to help me?" said Theseus.

"I don't like living here," said Ariadne. "I was hoping that you would take me away to Athens with you. We could get married."

It sounded like a fair deal to Theseus, so he took the sword, hooked the ball of wool under his belt and made his way into the dark, winding maze.

"Good luck!" Ariadne called behind him.

Slowly, Theseus felt his way down the passages. He knew the Minotaur was close because he could hear its heavy breathing. Suddenly, a loud bellow made him jump. At the far end of a corridor a pair of glowing red eyes were staring right at him. But instead of feeling scared, Theseus thought about all the people the monster had eaten. That made him brave and angry.

"Come on," he shouted. "Come and get your supper, you beast!"

The Minotaur roared, shook its horns and started running quickly towards him. Theseus waited until he was practically face to face with the monster then quickly stepped sideways. The Minotaur grunted angrily and lurched towards Theseus again. But the young man could move much quicker than the monster. All night long the two chased each other around the maze. At last, the monster started to get tired. Sweat poured down its face and into its red eyes.

"This is my chance!" said Theseus. He jumped forward and drove his sword straight into the Minotaur's heart. The monster roared the loudest roar you have ever heard and then crashed to the ground. Quickly, Theseus rolled up the wool and made his way out of the maze.

"Well done!" cried Ariadne. "Quick, follow me. My father will be furious when he discovers that the Minotaur is dead." She led him through a secret passage out of the palace and before long they were safely on board Theseus's ship.

On the way home to Athens, they stopped at an island. There, Theseus tricked Ariadne and sailed on without her. Now that he'd killed the Minotaur, he had no intention of marrying Ariadne. Theseus then ordered a feast for his men. During the celebration, the ship came within sight of Athens, but Theseus forgot to replace his old sail with his father's white one.

The king, watching from a cliff, saw his son's ship returning home with a black sail and thought his son was dead. Mad with grief, he threw himself into the deep sea.

Theseus was heartbroken. How he wished he had remembered to put up the white sail! But it was too late. His father was dead, gone forever.

A few days later, Theseus was crowned the new king of Athens. "From now on," he promised his people, "I shall never do anything rash or foolhardy again."

Create a table of similarities and difference between the 3 versions of Theseus and the Minotaur.

Similarities	Differences
-all mention going to Crete and building a maze/labyrinth	

Choose or come up with your own themes for the myth like we have done in class and in Let's Think. Explain 3 of your choices.

Theme examples:

Perserverance

Acceptance

Friendship

Cooperation

Jealousy

Kindness

Honesty

Bravery

Courage

Compassion

Heorism

Overcoming obstacles

Love

War and peace

Hope

Isolation

Escape

Journey

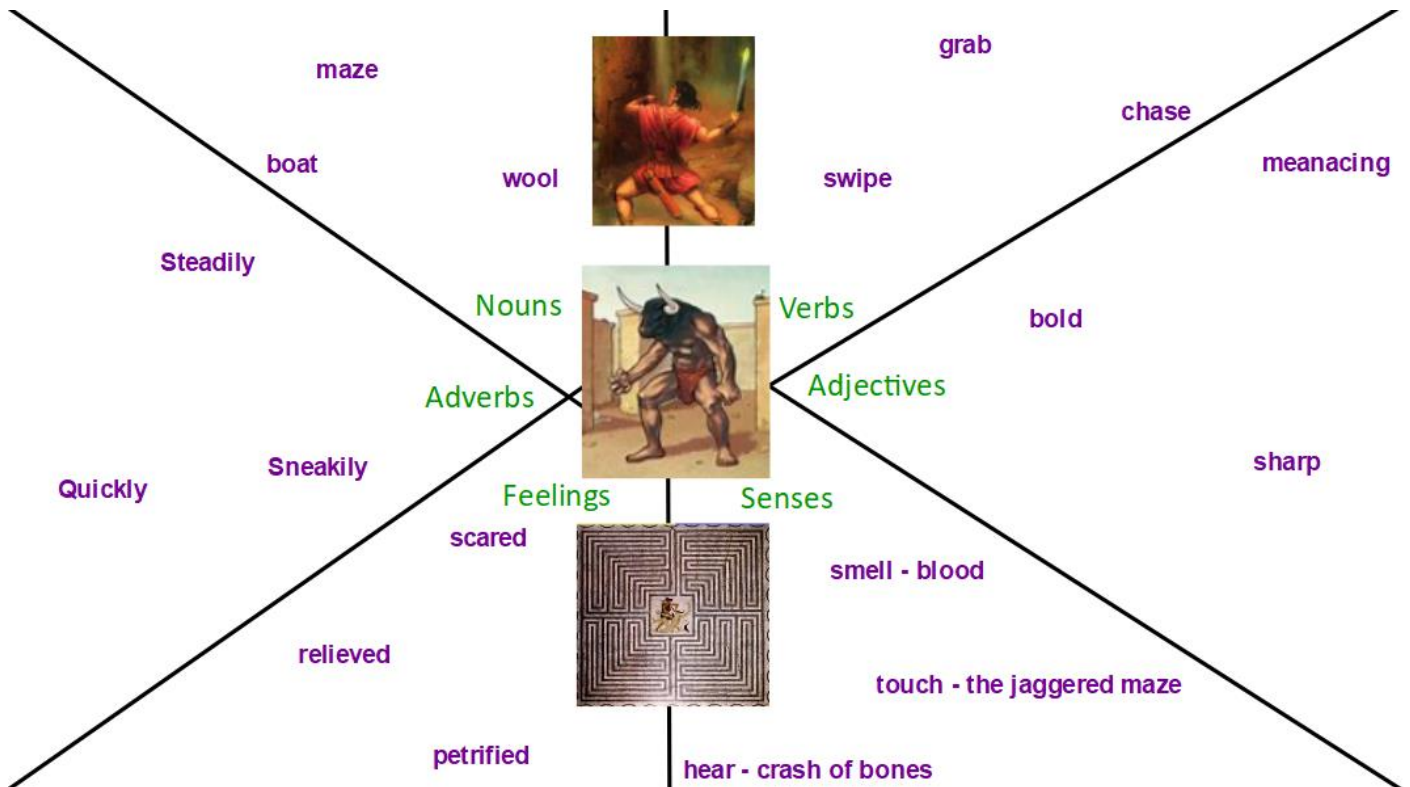
Betrayal

Good vs Evil

One of the themes demonstrated in Theseus and the Minotaur is overcoming obstacles because Theseus has to conquer many things put in his way in order to defeat the Minotuar. This included the maze itself, the Minotaur, the King and Ariadne.

Another theme displayed in the myth would be courage. Theseus had the courage to be the one to rescue the children and try to defeat the Minotaur. He was cunning enough to action his plan and win.

Wednesday Resources:



Using the word bank describe this action scene – 5 minute write



Thursday Resources:

5 minute write – use your word bank to support you



Story board example

<p>King Minos kept attacking Athens. They made a deal to send 7 boys and girls to be eaten by the Minotaur.</p>	<p>Theseus offered to kill the Minotaur. He got on a boat and travelled to Crete.</p>	<p>King Minos's daughter, Ariadne gave Theseus a sword and some wool.</p>	<p>Ariadne held the wool while Theseus entered the Labyrinth to kill the Minotaur.</p>
<p>Theseus heard the Minotaur breathing and then killed the Minotaur. Theseus travelled in.</p>	<p>Theseus followed the string out of the labyrinth with Ariadne and his crew.</p>	<p>But Theseus didn't want to marry Ariadne and left her alone on an island.</p>	<p>Theseus returns home and becomes King.</p>

Friday Resources

Example from last year:

Once there was an evil ^{and hateful} king. His name was King Minos. Just the thought of him made my skin crawl. One day the nasty king decided to build ^{castles} a labyrinth, in which he kept a horrible monster. The beastly creature was half bull, half human. His name was the Minotaur! Every year King Minos sent ^{his} people to attack my ^{city} Athens. My father ^(the King of Athens) and his people could not fight back though. We didn't ^{to} have the resources. My father made a deal with King Minos. ^{The deal was that} every year he would send 7 boys and girls to be eaten by the Minotaur! By then, I ~~had~~ had enough. I bravely decided to destroy the Minotaur. I travelled to Crete to kill the beastly creature! Then to my surprise, Princess Ariadne, the King's daughter, wanted to help me. She handed me a ^{ball of} wool, to escape from the labyrinth and a ^{sharp} sword to kill the ~~Minotaur~~ monster. Soon after that, I tied the wool to by hand and Ariadne held it, so I could escape! Then in the other hand, I had the ^{brave} sword! To find the Minotaur, I followed his heavy breathing. The Minotaur found me but ~~gave up the fight~~ ^{gave up} because he was extremely tired. I found my way to the ^{dark} hole he lived in, sneaked up behind him, and stabbed him strongly in the heart! Ariadne, the children and I travelled to ~~an~~ ^{beautiful} island. Then I forgot something. I agreed to marry Ariadne ^{after she} for ~~her~~ to help me, ^{but I did not find} but I did not find I attractive. So while she was sleeping, the children and I ^{to go back to Athens} left the island. ~~Soon we sailed back to Athens.~~ Everyone was safe from the spiteful king and his ~~scraggy, ugly~~ ^{tatty, malevolent} ~~fat~~ Minotaur.

Teacher example:

A long time ago, on an island called Crete, there lived an king name Minos. Minos was one of the most powerful Kings in the land. He had a powerful navy, a beautiful daughter and a huge palace. When Minos was board he would send his navy across the sea to attack the town of Athens.

Athens could not cope with King Minos repeatedly attacking the town so a deal was made. If Minos would leave Athens alone then they would send 7 Athenian girls and boys to Crete every 9 years to be eaten by the Minotaur.

The ghastly Minotaur was half human and half bull. It lived in the centre of a maze on the island of Crete. Minos loved his vulgar monster and liked to give it a treat every now and again so he accepted the deal.

This is the opening to a recount of Theseus and the Minotaur.

When reading, look at my sentence starters and word choices. What is good? What could be improved?

You can now either:

- Rewrite your own version (hand written or typed)
- Complete my version using this as your opening
- Re-tell us through a video recording
- Explain a retelling by acting the story out.

Be creative – We can't wait to read/see/hear them!