Theseus and the Minotaur

While reading
Pages 1–5
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2 Theseus and his father are talking. Write Theseus's answers.

Father: Oh, Theseus! I am happy you are here. Did you walk for many days to come to Athens?
Theseus: ……………………………………………………………
Father: Was it difficult to get here?
Theseus: Yes, father, there were ………………… on the road.
Father: Did you fight them?
Theseus: ………………………………. and killed them.
Father: You found my sword and now it is yours. How did you find it?
Theseus: ……………………………………………………………

Pages 8–11
3 Write about the Minotaur.

a ……… ………. is its father.
b ……… ………. Ariadne's …………. .
c It's tall and …………. .
d It's …………. and ………. bull.
e It …………. ………. maze.
f It eats …………. ………. every year.

c 4 Are these right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
  a The Athenians can sleep because the Minotaur is tired. ☑
  b The men at the door of Theseus's room opened the door for Ariadne because she had a knife. ☑
  c Ariadne helps him because she doesn't like her father and she doesn't like Crete. ☑
  d Theseus is going to kill the Minotaur in the evening. ☑
  e He killed the men at the door with the string. ☑

5 What is Ariadne thinking? Put the letters in the right place.

I (IKLE) …………. Theseus very much. He's got a beautiful (AEFC) …………. and he is (LALT) …………. and (TNQGSR) …………. . He can help me. I am unhappy. I want to go to (EHNATS) …………. . He can take me in his (ABTO) …………. . I want to be his (IFWE) …………. . This evening I am going to visit him in his room. I am going to give him a (ORWSD) …………. and some (IRGNSW) …………. . Then, he can (LILK) …………. the Minotaur and go away with me!

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6 Answer these questions.
  a Why was there no noise in the maze?
  b What was always in Theseus's hand?
  c Did Theseus kill the Minotaur with a rock?
  d Why didn't the Athenians want Ariadne on the boat?
  e Why did Theseus cry for his father in Athens?

After reading
7 What did Theseus do? Tick the things he did.

In Troezen …
  a he found a king's sword. ☑
  b he fought many bad men. ☑
  c he made a promise to Ariadne. ☑
  d he made a promise to his father. ☑
  e he found Minos's ring with the help of two black dolphins. ☑

8 Answer the following questions about the story.
  a Did you like the story? Why (not)?
  b Who in the story did you like? Why?
  c Do you like old stories from Greece? Why (not)?
Pages 1–5

1 Match A and B.

A
1 ‘I am going to walk to my father’s home.’
2 ‘I am going to fight ill the Minotaur.’
3 ‘You are my son. You are going to be king after me.’
4 ‘I am going to sail to the island of Crete.’
5 ‘You are going to be king after your father, not him.’

B
a Theseus to Aegeus
b Aegeus to Theseus and
Ariadne
b Theseus to his mother
b Medea
e Theseus to Aegeus

d Theseus moved a rock and found Poseidon’s sword.
e Theseus went to Athens to meet his father.
In Athens Theseus met his father and his new wife. She wanted to kill him.
On the road he fought and killed a lot of bad animals.
King Aegeus was crying: Minos’s son, the Minotaur, was going to eat Theseus.

2 Are these right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a ✓
b ✗
c ✓
d ✗
e ✗

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3 What happened first? Write the numbers, 1–10.

a ☐ The first night Ariadne went to Theseus’ room with a knife and some string.
b ☐ In Crete he met King Minos and Ariadne.
c ☐ Theseus wanted to go into the maze when the Minotaur was sleeping
d ☐ Theseus went to the maze and Ariadne took the young Athenians to the boat.
e ☐ King Aegeus was happy about Theseus, but was very unhappy because fourteen Athenians were going to Crete.

f ☐ Theseus wanted to go to Crete to kill it and he promised he was going to come back home again.
g ☐ Ariadne was helping Theseus because she wanted to go away with him.
h ☐ Theseus did not want to wait for the morning.
i ☐ He was going to have white sails on the boat. This was his promise.
j ☐ They were food for the Minotaur, Minos’s son. It lived in a maze on the island of Crete.

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4 Look at the picture and answer the questions.

a Who is on the island of Naxos?
……………………………………………………
……………………………………………………

b Where is Theseus going?
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b Where does Ariadne want to go?
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c Why does she want to go there?
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5 How are these people feeling? Why?

a Theseus is happy because
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b Ariadne is unhappy because Theseus
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b Back in Athens, Theseus is unhappy because his father
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b The people in Athens are happy because
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