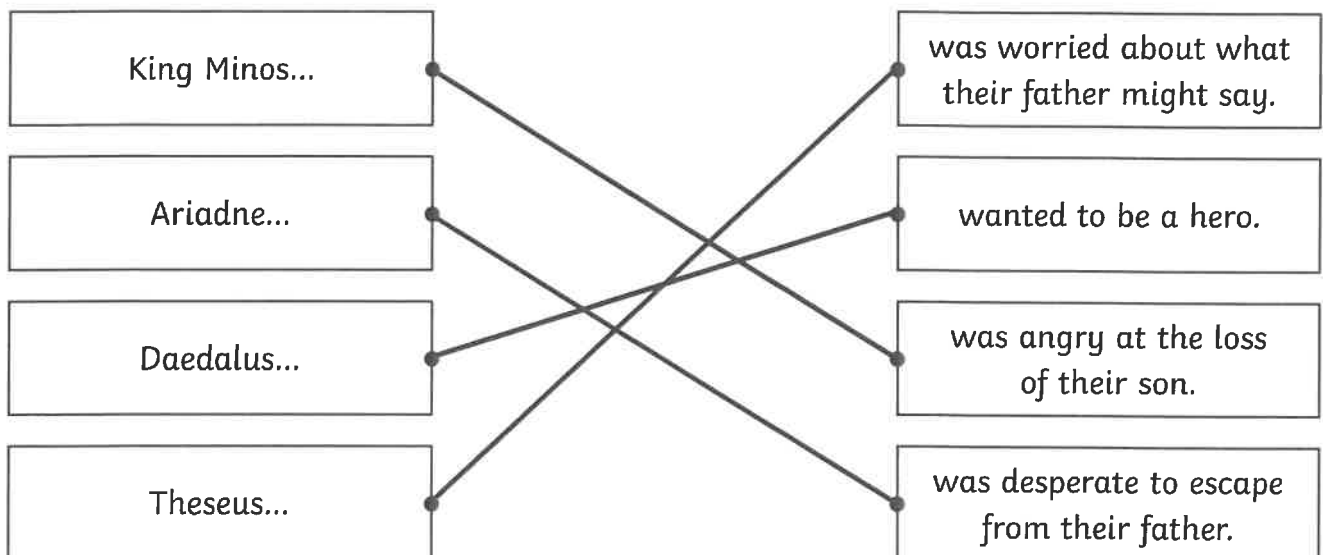


# Answers

1. Who did Theseus promise to take away from Crete? Tick one.

- King Minos
- King Aegeus
- Ariadne**
- Daedalus

2. Draw four lines and complete each sentence.



3. Why did Aegeus eventually give in to Theseus?

**Aegeus eventually gave in to Theseus because his arguments had run dry.**

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

What promise had Theseus made?

**Theseus had promised to change his sails to white if he was successful.**

5. Look at the paragraph beginning "**I will await the news...**"

Find and copy one word which means the same as appears.

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6. Argue that Theseus was foolish to defeat the Minotaur.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Theseus was foolish to defeat the Minotaur because now King Minos is likely to start waging war against Athens again. Defeating the Minotaur has probably made Minos angrier and more likely to hurt innocent citizens.**

7. Imagine that you are Aegeus watching Theseus's ship appear over the horizon. Describe how you feel, using the text to support your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I feel so sad. When the ship came over the horizon, I was excited but then I saw that the sails were black and now I am devastated because this means that Theseus has been defeated by the Minotaur.**

8. Using 25 words or fewer, write a suitable next sentence for the text.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Aegeus stood on the cliff and peered at the boat in the distance; a tear rolled down his face as he recognised the black sails.**

9. Do you think that Aegeus was right to strike a deal with Minos? Tick one.

**Accept either a 'yes' or a 'no' response provided that a full explanation is given below.**

Fully explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes, I think that Aegeus was right to strike a deal with Minos because he was able to prevent lots of people from being injured when the city was being stormed.**

10. Which of the following words do you think best describes King Minos? Tick one.

**Accept any ticked word provided that a full explanation is given below.**

Fully explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the word cruel best describes King Minos. This is because he waged war against an entire city which was probably full of innocent people. He was also happy to offer 14 children to the Minotaur and even cleaned them and prepared them beforehand.**