Vocabulary List for *Theseus and the Minotaur*

Vocabulary from the Story

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Myth	A traditional story explaining events or beliefs	Theseus and the Minotaur is a Greek myth.
Hero	A brave person admired for great deeds	Theseus was a hero of Athens.
Kingdom	An area ruled by a king or queen	King Minos ruled the kingdom of Crete.
Palace	A large and grand home for a ruler	The Minotaur lived beneath the palace.
Tribute	A payment or offering given to a ruler	Athens had to send a tribute to Crete.
Quest	A long and difficult journey with a goal	Theseus went on a quest to defeat the Minotaur.
Sword	A weapon with a long metal blade	Theseus carried a sword.
Creature	An unusual animal or being	The Minotaur was a terrifying creature.
Minotaur	A monster with the body of a man and the head of a bull	The Minotaur lived in the labyrinth.
Labyrinth	A complicated maze of passages	Theseus entered the labyrinth.
Maze	A network of paths designed to confuse people	The maze was impossible to escape alone.
Ariadne	The daughter of King Minos	Ariadne helped Theseus.
Thread	A long, thin piece of cotton or string	Ariadne gave Theseus a ball of thread.
Escape	To get away from danger	The thread helped Theseus escape.
Bull	A male cow	The Minotaur had the head of a bull.

Descriptive Vocabulary

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Fearsome	Causing fear	The fearsome Minotaur guarded the maze.
Courageous	Very brave	Theseus was courageous.
Treacherous	Dangerous and difficult	The labyrinth was treacherous.
Mighty	Very strong and powerful	Theseus was a mighty warrior.
Fierce	Violent and aggressive	The Minotaur was fierce and dangerous.
Cunning	Clever in a tricky way	Ariadne had a cunning plan.
Ancient	Very old	This is an ancient Greek tale.
Legendary	Famous and admired over time	Theseus became a legendary hero.

Action Words

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Battle	To fight against someone	Theseus battled the Minotaur.
Defeat	To win against an enemy	The hero defeated the monster.
Navigate	To find a way through a place	Theseus had to navigate the labyrinth.
Pursue	To follow someone	The Minotaur pursued its victims.
Rescue	To save someone from danger	Theseus wanted to rescue Athens.
Conquer	To overcome or defeat	He conquered his fears.
Flee	To run away from danger	Some people tried to flee the maze.

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Triumph	To achieve a great victory	Theseus triumphed over the monster.

Feelings Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Determined	Not giving up	Theseus was determined to succeed.
Anxious	Worried about what might happen	The young people felt anxious.
Terrified	Extremely frightened	They were terrified of the Minotaur.
Hopeful	Believing something good will happen	Ariadne felt hopeful about the plan.
Courageous	Brave in difficult situations	Theseus remained courageous throughout the quest.
Relieved	Happy because danger is over	Everyone felt relieved when Theseus returned.