

Task: Write a character description about one of the characters we have focused on from the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. Choose from: Theseus, the Minotaur, Ariadne or King Aegeus.

****Once you have completed this task, send me a photo of your description via TEAMS chat or email****

What is the purpose of a character description?

The purpose of a character description is to give the reader a detailed mental image of the character you are describing. You should make sure that you describe the character's appearance as well as their personality.

What should I include in my character description?

You should include descriptive vocabulary and phrases by using adjectives and expanded noun phrases, use figurative language e.g. similes and start your sentences in a range of ways e.g. begin with an adverb, begin with a prepositional phrase. You need to describe how your character moves as well as their actions.

*See my example below about the Minotaur.

Minotaur

Deep inside the dirtiest, darkest labyrinth lives a hideous creature known as the Minotaur; half man, half beast.

Covered from head to toe in grotesque brown, greasy hair and crusty mud-soaked skin, you can smell the Minotaur before you can even see him. On the very top of his head lives horns as sharp as razor blades along with a family of lice that play all day in his greasy, unwashed hair. His enormous muscles escape from his tiny clothes which are soaked in sweat.

Not only is the Minotaur disgusting, he also has a terrible attitude and has a temper that rages like an angry lion hunting its prey. Silently, the Minotaur hides behind the cold, stone pillars awaiting his next helpless victim. Once he spots them, he stomps his giant hooves across the murky, wet floor until he catches up with them and breathes down their neck before reaching his arm around their trembling bodies.