

TLP008 Adventure

Greek Myths

The Trojan War and Theseus and the Minotaur

The Trojan War

Watch this short video about the cause of the Trojan Wars
Horrible Histories – Helen of Troy



Now answer these questions:

- Who did the Spartan Helen choose for a husband? _____
- What did Helen do with the Trojan, Paris? _____
- How did the war start? _____

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Answers:

- Who did the Spartan Helen choose for a husband? Menelaus of Sparta
- What did Helen do with the Trojan, Paris? She eloped with him - they ran off together
- How did the war start? Menelaus attacked Troy to get Helen back (He convinced his brother King Agamemnon to invade Troy)

The Trojan War

Watch this short video about the Trojan Wars
Horrible Histories – Achilles – Trojan War

Now answer these questions:

- Who fought for Menelaus? _____
- Who fought for Paris? _____
- What happened to Hector?

- Who killed Achilles? _____
- How was Achilles killed? _____



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Horrible Histories – Achilles – Trojan War

Answers:

- Who fought for Menelaus ? Achilles
- Who fought for Paris? Hector
- What happened to Hector?
He was killed by Achilles
- Who killed Achilles? Paris
- How was Achilles killed? Paris shot him in the heel with an arrow



The Trojan War

Watch this short video about the Trojan Wars
Trojan Horse

Now answer these questions:

- Who built the Trojan horse? _____
- Where was it left? _____

- Where were some of the Greek soldiers? _____



- What did the Trojans do with the horse? _____

- What happened that night? _____

The Trojan War

Watch this entertaining clip about the Trojan horse from the film Mr Peabody and Sherman:

Answers:

- Who built the Trojan horse? The Greeks
- Where was it left? Outside the city gates of Troy
- Where were some of the Greek soldiers? Inside the horse
- What did the Trojans do with the horse? They took it inside the city walls
- What happened that night? The Greek soldiers opened the city gates so the Greek army could attack the city



The Trojan War

- The story of the Trojan War comes from The Iliad, a poem by Homer. Identify two events that show Homer was on the Greeks' side.

- When Helen eloped with Paris, Menelaus chose to go to war for ten years. Why did Homer make this decision? _____

- Homer includes some warnings in the story. What should we beware of and why?

The Trojan War

Answers:

- The story of the Trojan War comes from The Iliad, a poem by Homer. Identify two events that show Homer was on the Greeks' side. Paris, a Trojan, does the wrong thing by eloping with Menelaus' wife. Achilles is not killed in a fair fight. The Greeks outsmart the Trojans with the Trojan Horse.
- When Helen eloped with Paris, Menelaus chose to go to war for ten years. Why did Homer make this decision? To show that the Greeks would fight for what they

thought was right.

- Homer includes some warnings in the story. What should we beware of and why? No-one is invincible - always identify and protect your weak spots. Beware of others trying to trick you.

Can you think of a way that someone could trick you?
If something looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Can you remember the two sayings we get from the story?

The two sayings, or idioms, are:

Achilles heel – a small problem or weakness in a person or system that can result in failure.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts – do not trust an enemy if they are being kind or generous.

Can you think of examples ?

- What is Superman's Achilles heel?
- Some computer viruses disguise themselves as something legitimate – like an email – to get inside your computer system. This type of virus is called a Trojan.

Theseus and the Minotaur

Watch this short video about a Greek Myth:
Theseus and the Minotaur

Now answer these questions:

- What was the Minotaur? _____
- Who were sacrificed each year to the Minotaur?

- Where did the Minotaur live? _____

- What happened to the Minotaur? _____

- How did Theseus find his way out? _____



Theseus and the Minotaur

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Theseus and the Minotaur

Answers:

- What was the Minotaur? Half man, half bull
- Who were sacrificed each year to the Minotaur? Seven men and seven women
- Where did the Minotaur live? The labyrinth
- What happened to the Minotaur? Theseus killed it
- How did Theseus find his way out? He laid a trail of string to find his way back out of the labyrinth



Theseus and the Minotaur

Why not
create and label
your own mythical
monster.

- Which two creatures was the Minotaur made of? Which animals would you have chosen?

- What is another word for a labyrinth? They are normally created using high hedges.

- What evidence would you need to find to prove the story of the Minotaur was true?

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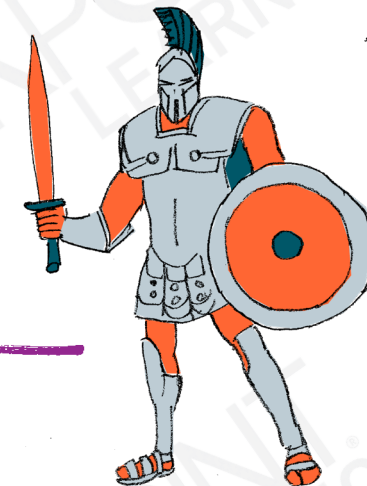
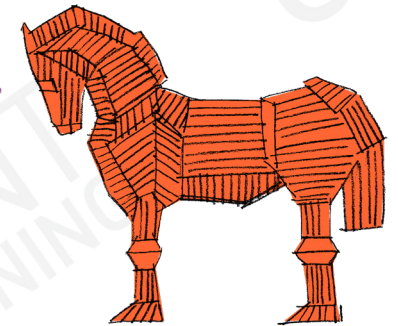
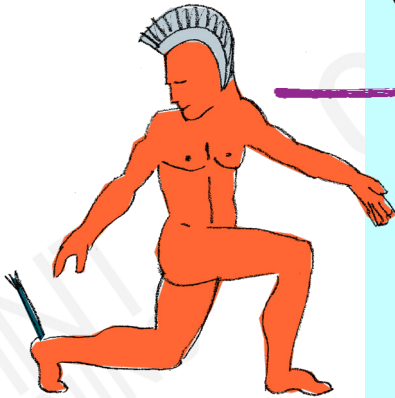
Answers:

- Which two creatures was the Minotaur made of? Which animals would you have chosen?
A bull and a man.
- What is another word for a labyrinth? They are normally created using high hedges.
Maze. There is a famous one at Hampton Court.
- What evidence would you need to find to prove the story of the Minotaur was true?
The ruins of the labyrinth and the skeleton of the Minotaur. Many scholars have tried to find the original labyrinth. So far without success.

Why not
create your own
labyrinth or
maze?

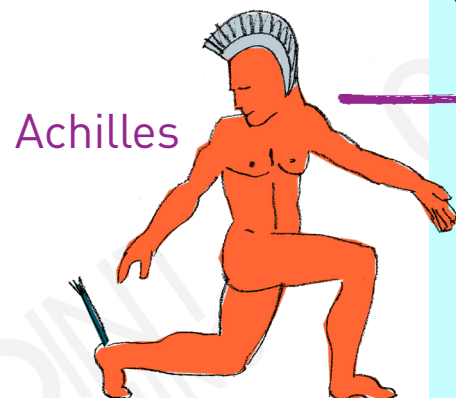
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What do you know about them?

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Answers:



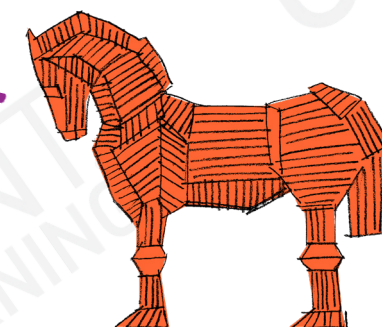
Achilles

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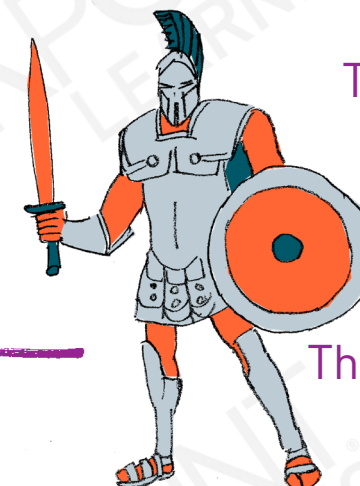
The Minotaur



Helen



Trojan Horse



Theseus