

MYTHS WERE USED BY ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS TO HELP EXPLAIN THE UNEXPLAINABLE. THE MAJORITY OF MYTHS EVOLVED FROM ACTUAL HISTORICAL EVENTS. WHILE VIEWING THE VIDEO CLASH OF THE GODS: THE MINOTAUR, RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN YOUR NOTEBOOK (2 pts):

1. THE MINOTAUR HAD THE HEAD OF A BULL AND THE LOWER BODY OF A MAN (½ MAN AND ½ BULL) MIGHT THIS HAVE A CONNECTION WITH OTHER CULTURES?
2. WHAT TRAITS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BULL PART OF THE MINOTAUR?
3. WHAT TRAITS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH MAN PART OF THE MINOTAUR?
4. WHAT IS THE BELIEF BEHIND THE EXPRESSION, "IF YOU TRY TO OUTSMART THE GODS, YOU WILL LOSE"?
5. EXPLAIN THE SYMBOLIC RATIONALE OF PASIPHAE'S FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE BULL.
6. WHAT WAS THE CULTURAL BELIEF BEHIND CHILDREN THAT WERE BORN DEFORMED (MONSTERS)?
7. HOW MIGHT THE WAR BETWEEN ATHENS AND CRETE HAVE BEEN THE ORIGIN OF THE MYTH OF THE MINOTAUR?
8. EXPLAIN THE UNDERLYING MESSAGES IN THE MYTH.
9. WHAT ATTRIBUTES WERE IMPORTANT TO THE ANCIENT GREEKS IN THE 'OLDER ORDER OF HEROES'?
10. THESEUS'S FATHER PLACED SANDALS AND A SWORD UNDER A ROCK. WHEN THESEUS WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO MOVE THE ROCK HE WOULD BE READY TO BECOME KING... IS THIS A MYTHIC MOTIF? EXPLAIN.
11. THESEUS WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF...
12. THE MINOTAUR WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF...
13. HOW CAN WE TELL MINOS' PALACE AT KNOSSOS WAS NOT CREATED BY THE GREEKS?
14. WHAT ATTRIBUTE DID THE GREEKS LOOK FOR MOST IN THEIR WARRIORS?
15. WHAT DOES THE ANSWER TO 14 SAY ABOUT THE GREEK SOCIETY?
16. WHAT MODERN WORD IS DERIVED FROM THE MYTH OF THE MINOTAUR?
17. WHAT EVIDENCE DO WE HAVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF CRETE MAY HAVE ACTUALLY BELIEVED IN HUMAN SACRIFICE (AND PERHAPS CANNIBALISM)?