Writing a Playscript

You are going to turn the story of Theseus and the Minotaur into a playscript. When you write a play you must include:

* the setting – scene
* the names of the people in the play – characters
* what the characters say – dialogue
* what the characters do – stage directions

**Scene and Characters**

In this story there are many different settings so you will have to work out where and when things happen and which characters appear in each scene. Go through the story and set it out like this:

Scene Setting Characters

One the palace at Athens Theseus

Aegeus

Two on board ship Theseus

other victims

sailors

Captain

Now work out the other scenes and characters.

**Dialogue**

You will find some conversations in the story but can you make up some extra dialogue. Imagine how the characters feel and what they might say in the different scenes. What are the other victims talking about? What will Theseus say to Ariadne when she tells him her plan? What will Theseus say to himself when he sees the Minotaur for the first time?

**Stage Directions**

You can work out the stage directions from what the characters do in the story, for example:

Theseus enters the Labyrinth hiding the ball of thread in his hand.

*NB. Directions are written in the present tense.*