**THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR**

**Scene 1**

**(***by Leo, Lydia, Chris, Spyros, Melianna, 1st group (F1)GREECE)*

**Narrator**: The best-known deed of Theseus was the extermination of the Minotaur. Minoas, the king of the island of Crete wanted to punish the Athenians of killing his son. So every 9 years Theseus' father, who was the king of Athens, was obliged to send 12 teenagers (7 boys and 7 girls) as food to the Minotaur. But let's talk a little bit about Theseus' early years.

**Theseus**: Mother, I have been wondering…well, who is my father? Where is he? Is he alive? Please tell me. I have the right to know!

**Theseus' mother**: Yes, my child. I agree with you. You must know everything about him. Now, listen to me carefully. Do not interrupt me! Ok?

**Theseus**: Ok mother. Please, please tell me.

**Theseus' mother:** Well, your father is Aegeas, the king of Athens. He did not want people to know it. He was afraid someone would like to kill you, so that you won't take his throne. That's why you do not know your father, he wanted to protect you from his enemies.

**Theseus:** I'm astonished mother! The king of Athens? My father? When am I to meet him? I'm looking forward to seeing him.

**Theseus' mother:** Be patient, child. He said you can meet him the day you will be able to move this huge rock.

**Narrator:** The years passed by and one day, as Theseus was trying to move that rock, a bird told him how to do it. So Theseus following the bird's advice moved the rock and underneath it he discovered his father's sword. Now he was strong enough to go to Athens…

IN ATHENS…

**Theseus:** Well father. I've decided to take those teenagers' place and go to Crete to kill the Minotaur…

**Aegeas:** No, no my child! Are you out of your mind? It's too dangerous for you.

**Theseus:** Do not worry, father. I know it's difficult to survive in that maze. But trust me. I will make it!

**Aegeas**: Well, I do not agree with the idea of your facing the Minotaur, but if it is your will, then go. But do promise something. If you manage to kill this man-eating horrible monster, please do not forget to put up white sails on your ship while sailing back to Athens, Ok?

Scene 2

 (by Kuba, Jakub, Paweł from Poland)

**Narrator**: During the trip to Crete…On the ship.

**Theseus:** Dear 'victims', it is so hard to believe that we are sent there to become food for the Minotour. You can be sure that I will try my best to save you!!!

**People (crying):** Oh, dear savior, our dear rescuer, please save us. We want to live , we want to have children…. We are so young…

**Theseus:** You can be sure my dear friends that I will do whatever I can to save you!!!

**Narrator:** Their ship anchored to Crete. They went out and were parading through the town. Suddenly, Ariadne – Minos' daughter, saw Theseus in the parade.

 **Ariadne to Deadalus**: Oh, Dear Deadalus, please tell me who that handsome guy is. Look over there (she points to him through the palace window). Can you see him?

**Deadelus**: I think… he looks …..hmm. No, no… I do not really know. I only know that they are from Athens and they are going to the Minotaur's Labirynth, they are victims.

**Ariadne**: Victims? Oh, no! Deadelus, quick we have to do something to save them. Where are they going to sleep today?

**Deadelus**: In that old tavern.

**Ariadne**: We have to come up with a clever idea to protect and save them. Please think about something.

**Deadelus**: I’ve got an idea. I will tell you in the evening, when we meet those people in the old tavern.

**Ariadne**: I’m so happy that you are not only a successful and creative architect, but also an intelligent man.

**Narrator**: Ariadne fell in love with Theseus, that’s why she wanted to save them. In the evening they both met the Athenians and they presented them with their plan…

SCENE 3

(by Saman, Dina, Tessa, Yara)

**Ariadne**: I want to save you Theseus. You know, I have fallen in love with you.

**Theseus:** Oh, my dearest Ariadne. You are risking your life for us. Bear in mind that we will get married if I manage to escape from the labyrinth.

 **Ariadne**: Of course you will make it. Listen to our plan carefully: As soon as you enter the maze you will let run a ball of string so you can retrace your steps. Is that easy for you, Theseus?

**Theseus:** I love you Ariadne and I also wish to save my companions so much that I am sure I will manage to survive.

**Narrator**: Indeed, Theseus followed Daedalus & Ariadne's plan, found the Minotaur and killed him with bare hands!

**Athenians:** Well done Theseus! You are so brave! You promised you will save us and you kept your promise! Thank you so much!

**Narrator**: But they were so happy that they forgot to raise the white sail. His father, Aegeas, seeing the black sail, assumed his son had died and jumped into the sea. The sea has been called 'Aegean' ever since.