

Year 4 English Tasks: week beginning 8th February 2021

Monday 8th February 2021

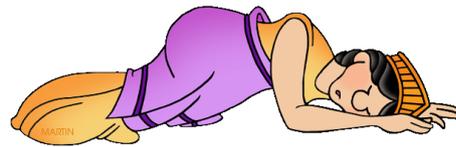
Task: Watch today's English video (see video link on Year 4 Home Learning timetable). Now answer the comprehension questions about the story of Dionysus and Ariadne.

Who was Dionysus?

Dionysus was the Ancient Greek god of wine, comedy, and tragedy. Like all Greeks, he loved drama and contests. His special talent was that he could shape shift into looking like any living thing he wanted. For example, he could shape shift into a little mouse or a dangerous animal or a fierce pirate. His favourite shape was that of a handsome young man, covered in jewels. He had quite sense of humour, and he had a great deal of fun shape shifting.



The Story of Dionysus and Ariadne



One day, when Dionysus was in the form of his favourite shape, a handsome young man, covered in jewels, he was spotted by some pirates. The pirates were overjoyed because they thought they had stumbled across a rich prize, someone they could sell for a lot of money as a slave. Laughing cruelly, they grabbed what they thought was a rich young man. They did not realise that he was really the god, Dionysus, and so they carried him off to their pirate ship and tied him tightly to the mast.

Dionysus smiled to himself, he found the pirates rather amusing. He was going to stay tied to the mast for a while to see what would do next, but the rope was rubbing his skin uncomfortably. So, Dionysus used his magical powers to push the rope away. It landed in a heap at his feet.

One of the pirates noticed that the young man was no longer tied to the mast. The pirate gasped in surprise. He strongly suspected that he and his fellow pirates had made a terrible mistake and that the person they had captured was no ordinary young man. The pirates pleaded with the others to turn the ship about. But they just tied Dionysus to the mast again, even more tightly than before, and headed out to sea.

Dionysus waited until the ship had reached very deep water. Then he pushed the ropes off again. At the same time, he waved his arm, and thick vines rose from the sea and entwined the ship. Instantly, Dionysus shape shifted into a roaring lion and sprang at the terrified pirates. Some jumped overboard to avoid his sharp claws and teeth. Soon, the only pirate

left on board was the pirate who had begged for his release. That pirate would have gladly jumped overboard with his ship-mates, but Dionysus used his magic powers to stick the pirate's feet to the ship's wooden floor.

"Is that the island of Naxos?" Dionysus asked, peering ahead.

The pirate nodded, too terrified to speak.

With no one at the wheel, the ship moved smoothly forward, sailing calmly towards the island of Naxos. When the ship arrived at Naxos the tangled vines fell away. Dionysus waved goodbye to the pirate and leapt onto the island.

The first sight that met him was Princess Ariadne, fast asleep on the sea wall. Ever since Prince Theseus had left her on the island of Naxos, Ariadne had spent her days sitting on the seawall, staring out to sea, crying or sleeping.

Dionysus was immediately amazed by Ariadne's beauty, and he waited patiently until Ariadne opened her eyes. When she opened her eyes, Ariadne saw a handsome young man, gazing admiringly at her. Ariadne felt better immediately – although she was not surprised that he was gazing at her. Ariadne told Dionysus all about her great effort to save Theseus and the children of Athens.

"And look where it got me," she sniffed.

Immediately, Dionysus asked Ariadne to marry him. Ariadne was so happy to be admired again that she agreed – she was also very happy that he was handsome and seemed wealthy.

Believe it or not, Ariadne and Dionysus lived happily ever after! In fact, they were so happy that their story inspired the famous music composer, Richard Strauss, to write an opera called *Ariadne auf Naxos*.

Dionysus and Ariadne: Comprehension Questions

1. What did the pirates think they had stumbled across?
2. Why did Dionysus use his magical powers to push the rope away?
3. How did Dionysus show that he was amused by the pirates' actions?
4. What rose up from the sea?
5. Find and copy the word which show that the ship became tangled up.
6. What creature did Dionysus shape shift into?
7. Which two parts of the creature frightened the pirates?
8. Why did one of the pirate's feet stick to the floor?
9. Find and copy the phrase which explains how Dionysus jumped off of the ship.
10. Name the three things Princess Ariadne had been doing while she was waiting on the sea wall of Naxos.
11. Find and copy the word which shows that Dionysus was not in a hurry for Princess Ariadne to wake up.
12. Find three reasons why Princess Ariadne was happy to marry Dionysus.

Tuesday February 9th 2021

Task: Watch today's English video (see video link on Year 4 Home Learning timetable). Now create a story board for the story of Dionysus and Ariadne. Use speech bubbles and captions to add in thoughts and detail.

Wednesday 10th February 2021

Task: Watch today's English video (see video link on Year 4 Home Learning timetable). Now create a fact-file about your own Ancient Greek monster with drawings and information. You can use the monster that you designed last week or create a new one today.

This is my Ancient Greek Monster:

This is the place where my Ancient Greek monster could be found:

Facts about my Ancient Greek monster:

It was part _____ and part _____

It lived in _____

It liked to eat _____

It was feared because _____

It won battles by _____

It was frightened of _____

Thursday 11th February 2021

Task: Watch today's English video (see video link on Year 4 Home Learning timetable). Now use the story map below to plan the different parts of your own story which tells of a battle between Theseus and your own Ancient Greek monster.

Theseus and the _____

What happens during the battle between Theseus and your monster?

How does your story end? Is your monster still alive at the end of your story? What does Theseus do after the battle?

What is the problem in your story? Why does Theseus need to battle your monster?

Where does your story take place? Where does it begin?

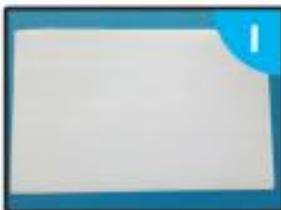
Friday 12th February 2021:

Task: Watch today's English video (see video link on Year 4 Home Learning timetable). Now make a zig-zag book to tell your story of the battle between Theseus and your own Ancient Greek monster. Use speech bubbles or captions to bring your story to life for the reader. When you have finished find someone to share your story with.

Zigzag Book

You will need:

- a piece of A4 paper
- pens
- pencils
- crayons
- colouring pencils



Take a sheet of A4 paper and place it landscape on the table. This means the longest sides should be the top and bottom of the paper.



Next, fold the paper in half, bringing the top side to meet the bottom side.



Fold this in half, to bring the two shorter sides together.



Find the halfway point on one side of the folded paper and fold this backwards.



Turn the paper over and do the same again with the other side.