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LO: can I understand that artists have shown myths in art throughout history ?

SC:

- I can draw part of a narrative.
- I can include detail.
- I can show where the narrative is set.



Knowledge Organiser:

Knowledge Organiser - Mythological Paintings

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Myth	A traditional story made up in the past, often to explain an event, belief or custom
Mythological paintings	Paintings relating to or based on myths
Classical	Something that is from ancient Greek or Roman culture
Narrative	A piece of art that tells a story with colour and lines, instead of words
Character	A person or an animal in a piece of narrative art
Characteristic	An important thing about thing or a person which makes them what they are
setting	The place where a story takes place
Minotaur	A monster which is half bull and half man

Art	Artist/Title
	Pablo Picasso, Minotaur and his Wife, 1937
	Pablo Picasso, Minotaur, 1933
	Antonio del Pollaiuolo, Apollo and Daphne, (c.1432-1498)

This is going to be used as an assessment tool at the end of the unit.

Talk Task:

What is a myth?

What myths do you know?

With someone at home, discuss the questions above.

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Theseus - A mythical king and the founder-hero of Athens

Ariadne - A Cretan princess in Greek mythology

Minotaur - A mythical creature portrayed in Classical times with the head and tail of a bull and the body of a man

Minos - King of Crete

Aegeus - Father of Theseus

Crete - The largest of the Greek islands

Naxos - A Greek island

A myth is a story which might not be true but is a traditional or old story (or narrative) which is retold.

Often myths might have a message or try to show us things.

Lots of myths come from ancient Greece or Rome – Classical times and that lots of paintings show these classical myths.

We are going to concentrate on the myth (from ancient Greece) of Theseus and the Minotaur.

I would like you to listen and read along to this myth very carefully.

The story will also be attached as a PowerPoint for you to read on your own if you'd like to.

Task:

I am going to give you a picture of four paintings depicting the story of Theseus and the Minotaur.

I would like you to answer the following questions for each painting:

- What part of the story is the painting showing?
- Which characters do the paintings show?
- What is the setting?

Which painting do you think is the oldest and which is the most recent?

On the next slide I will show you an example of how this task should be completed.

Complete the task on the word document provided.



Example:

What part of the story is the painting showing?

This is the part of the story where Princess Ariadne gives Theseus the ball of string to help him in the maze.

Which characters do the paintings show?

The characters are Theseus and Ariadne. The other woman in the painting must be a maid or servant of the Princess.

What is the setting?

They look to be inside the Palace at night or early morning.

Sketching Task:

Identify a part of the story that you like (it doesn't need to be a part that you have already looked at as a painting) and draw/sketch what is happening in the scene.

We you are asked to sketch you will only need a pencil (no colour should be used in this task).

You should include as much detail as you can. Use the following questions to help you:

- What characters will you include?
- What are they doing?
- What is the setting?

Send your amazing sketches to my email as I would love to see them!

Plenary:

Show someone in your house your amazing sketch and tell them the following things:

- What part of the story have you drawn?
- What characters have you drawn?
- What is the setting?