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Monstrous Minotaur Slaughtered

Yesterday, the courageous Theseus (King of Aegeus) saved the terrified Athenians from their doomed fate and killed the evil Minotaur, before escaping the maze-like labyrinth victorious.

The Minotaur (King Minos' cursed son) is half human and half bull and is a hairy monstrous, mythical beast that devours his victims. However, Theseus rose to the challenge and managed to slay the malicious animal. But the question is, how did he kill him and escape the bewildering labyrinth?

Days ago, Theseus sailed on the boat with seven Athenians, who had been chosen to be sacrificed to the Minotaur. He entered the confusing, famous labyrinth, which was built by Daedalus and his son Icarus. Theseus fearlessly went to the Minotaur armed and prepared; he was ready for the battle of his life.

He never imagined how enormous he would be. He said it was like a character in your worst nightmare that had come to life. When Theseus approached the Minotaur, he was

A clear sense of purpose: A newspaper report that is to provide facts as well as entertain the reader

Use of brackets for detail and clarity

Attempting to make clear links between paragraphs and make paragraph structures more interesting and cohesive

Fronted adverbial for clarity

Evidence of beginning sentence clauses with which, that, who

Controlled use of verb tenses throughout.

Multi-clause sentence structure

Hyphenated words show high-level punctuation

Relative clause to add detail

Vocabulary for effect, including expanded noun phrases and adverbials

Semi-colon to mark independent but linked clauses

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nervous but brave. He knew the Athenians wouldn't be eaten anymore.

Modal verbs to show possibility

Theseus, who is 26-years-old, commented, "I had to face the grotesque creature and defeat him once and for all."

Evidence of commas for parenthesis

Reported and direct speech in keeping with the genre

"I had a little help from a kind-hearted lady. But it was a difficult and challenging battle. I hope my father will be proud of me."

A 16-year-old Athenian called Agnes reported that she was relieved when she heard that Theseus had risked his life and killed the Minotaur. She said she is returning home full of joy.

Effective transition between formal and informal language structures

An interesting conclusion, with ellipsis, adds suspense and drama

Alistair, a 15-year-old Athenian, remarked, "Oh my goodness. I can't thank Theseus enough. He saved my life!"

The hero will return to his boat and sail back to Athens for a party.

Meanwhile, King Minos said, "I hate Theseus with all of my blood. One day I'll get my true revenge!" Watch this space...

TRANSCRIPTION

Spelling is mostly accurate with occasional errors

HANDWRITING

Maintains legibility and fluency with letters appropriately joined.

PLANNING

Evidence of planning seen, demonstrating development of initial ideas and effective note making.