**Theseus**

\*\*You may use your books to take this quiz. Please copy the quiz and write directly on it if you are completing this assignment at home.

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**Multiple Choice**

*Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

**Comprehension**

*The questions below refer to the selections “Theseus” and “All We Need Is That Piece of String.”*

\_\_\_\_ 1. Theseus grows up —

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| A | in Athens, where his father is the king |
| B | with his mother in southern Greece |
| C | within the Labyrinth of Crete |
| D | on a ship with a black sail |

\_\_\_\_ 2. Theseus proves that he is ready to go to his father when he —

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| A | kills the Minotaur and marries Ariadne |
| B | lifts the stone and takes possession of the sword |
| C | rids Greece of the thieves |
| D | casts a spell on Medea |

\_\_\_\_ 3. The young Theseus —

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| A | follows the path his father took |
| B | chooses the easiest path to success |
| C | takes up challenges in order to test his strength |
| D | follows the advice of his elders |

\_\_\_\_ 4. Why is Theseus given a poisoned drink?

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| A | Medea wants Aegeus in her power without outside interference. |
| B | Aegeus is threatened by his son’s ideas about government. |
| C | His mother would rather see her son dead than sacrificed to King Minos. |
| D | Theseus refuses to accept Medea as his father’s new wife. |

\_\_\_\_ 5. All of the following events occur after Theseus is given a poisoned drink *except* —

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| A | Medea leaves Athens |
| B | Aegeus discovers that Theseus is his son |
| C | Theseus proves himself by going to Crete |
| D | Theseus defeats Procrustes |

\_\_\_\_ 6. Every nine years fourteen young Athenians go to Crete to —

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| A | pay back King Minos for the loss of Androgenes |
| B | test their intelligence by going through the Minotaur’s Labyrinth |
| C | persuade Minos to become a friend of Athens rather than an enemy |
| D | see Ariadne, whose only other friend is the Minotaur |

\_\_\_\_ 7. Theseus is able to escape the Labyrinth because —

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| A | he learns its secret pathway | C | the bull has fallen asleep |
| B | Ariadne gives him a ball of string | D | the Minotaur shows him the way out |

\_\_\_\_ 8. All of the following events happen as Theseus returns to Athens *except* —

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| A | the Minotaur tracks him down with the help of Medea. |
| B | Ariadne is left behind on the island of Naxos |
| C | Aegeus jumps off a cliff and into the sea |
| D | Theseus’s ship has black sails when it enters the harbor |

\_\_\_\_ 9. As the king of Athens, Theseus decides that —

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| A | the people of Athens should choose their own government officials |
| B | Athens should go to war against Minos |
| C | the sea off the coast of Greece should be called the Aegean Sea |
| D | Athenians should side with Thebes in the war |

\_\_\_\_ 10. The decisions and actions of Theseus could be considered —

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| A | weak and thoughtless | C | daring and democratic |
| B | indecisive and dictatorial | D | selfish and arrogant |

**Literary Focus**

*The questions below refer to the selections “Theseus” and “All We Need Is That Piece of String.”*

\_\_\_\_ 11. **Myths** contain all of the following elements *except* —

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| A | a hero’s quest |
| B | a mystery about life that is solved |
| C | characters who are gods, humans, or both |
| D | a hero with no negative qualities |

\_\_\_\_ 12. According to Joseph Campbell in “All We Need Is That Piece of String,” the trials of a hero are designed to show that —

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| A | he is up to the task | C | might makes right |
| B | humans are related to gods | D | popular stories were written down |

\_\_\_\_ 13. In “All We Need Is That Piece of String,” Joseph Campbell implies that Theseus succeeded as a hero because —

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| A | all he wished for was the love of a woman |
| B | his bravery surpassed his fears |
| C | he had several ways to solve each problem |
| D | he had the simplest solution to the problem |

\_\_\_\_ 14. According to Joseph Campbell, myths are generally about —

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| A | overcoming the world’s evils |
| B | gods and goddesses |
| C | the adventure of being alive |
| D | human victory over supernatural forces |

**Short Answer**

**Written Response to the Standard**

*The question below refers to the selection “Theseus.”*

15. On a separate sheet of paper, describe the dominant character traits that led Theseus to create the first people’s democracy in ancient Athens. Use at least two details from the selection to support your ideas.