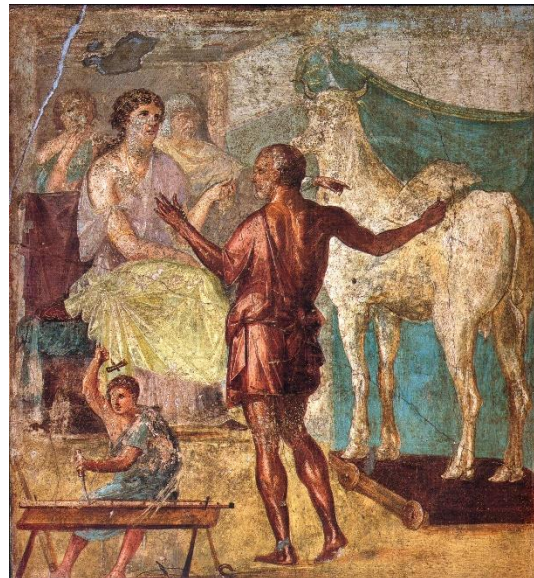


Pasiphae and the Minotaur

1. Scylla killed her father to aid Minos but was abandoned by Minos. How does Scylla describe Pasiphae in *Metamorphoses* 8.81-151? How does this description of Pasiphae also apply to Minos?
2. What is the “hybrid foetus” Pasiphae carries in her womb? Why is “hybrid” an appropriate word to describe this foetus?
3. What does Minos do upon his return to Crete and what does he decide to do with this creature his wife bore?
4. *Pseudo-Apollodorus, Bibliotheca 3. 8 – 11* adds more information about Pasiphae and the Bull. How does Minos plan to show that he is destined by the gods to rule Crete?
5. To what god does Minos sacrifice and what does he promise this god?

6. Why does Poseidon get angry with Minos? How he punish him?

7. How does Daedalus help Pasiphae full her passionate desire?



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8. Compare Minos’ sacrifice to Poseidon in *Pseudo-Apollodorus* to his sacrifice to Zeus in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*. How are these sacrifices different?