

Divide et impera!

Literature 13

Theseus and the Minotaur and The Caudine Forks



Greece

Read “The Cruel King's Punishment” and “A Thread that Saved Many Lives” You will find them on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive in Volume 3, Classics, “Legends of Greece and Rome” by G. H. Kupfer, nos.22 and 23. The labyrinth-like ruins of the city of Knossos (pictured above) can still be seen on the Greek Island of Crete.

2 Rome

Read “The Caudine Forks” You will find it on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive in Volume 4, “Stories from the History of Rome” no.14. Roman notions of military honour and also of keeping ones word clash in this interesting story from Livy. Despite the exact description of the place in the Apennine Mountains given in this story, the exact location of this defeat is disputed.

Vocabulary (don't forget to keep writing new vocabulary in your indexed notebook):
Two first declension nouns. There are no meaningful plurals of these words!

diligentia, diligentiae diligence, industry, care

Bible Example:

*si quis autem domui suae praeesse nescit, quomodo ecclesiae Dei **diligentiam** habebit ?*

1 Timothy 3:5

ira, irae anger, wrath

*qui credit in Filium habet vitam aeternam, qui autem incredulus est Filio non videbit vitam sed **ira** Dei manet super eum* John 3:36

Can you find the words for “believe”, “eternal life” and “unbelieving” ? Remember that *est* mean “is”. The word for “but” – *sed* is a useful conjunction to learn too.

1 Divide and rule. Attributed to Julius Caesar.