

King Minos  
Heraklion Crete  
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To the Powerful and Respected King Minos of Crete

the war between our countries has lasted too long. I therefore humbly give in to your demand that seven innocent Athenian girls and boys should be delivered to you at once

i know that you will kill these unfortunate children, so I send them with a heavy heart pity for their families and feelings of guilt.

However, I must put my city of Athens first This sacrifice will save other sons and daughters of my kingdom and will Hopefully bring an end to the suffering of my people

Oh, king minos, i ask that these poor children are treated well I pray to the gods with all my Heart that they may die quickly, when the time comes. Can you find it in your merciful heart to grant me this one wish. If you do, I will feel less guilt, though my sadness will last forever.

I feel terrible shame for allowing my country to be defeated? I only wish that I could take the punishment myself. yet I accept your demand, oh Mighty King, and shall send you all that You wish.

Your humble servant,

**Αεγευς**

King Aegeus