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Study Guide – “Daedalus & Icarus” retold by Geraldine McCaughrean

1. We say that this story is “retold” by McCaughrean, what does it mean by “retold”?

2. The story is told by a _____ and uses _____ person point-of-view.
3. The ruler of the island of Crete was King _____, who had a “reputation for _____.”
4. The king summoned _____, a famous inventor, to build a type of maze known as a _____.
5. Within the maze, Minos had placed a creature known as a _____; it was half man and half beast which fed on _____ flesh.
6. When Daedalus discovered the truth for the purpose for the maze, he asked to _____ the island of Crete, but he was denied. The king feared that Daedalus would reveal the _____ of the maze.
7. Unlike his father, _____ enjoyed living in their luxurious prison and laughed at the prospect of escape.
8. It took Daedalus an entire _____ to build his greatest invention which were _____ made from _____.
9. Daedalus melted _____ and used it to hold the wings to the skin.
10. Daedalus carefully warned his son, “Don’t _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ !”
11. The guards looked in astonishment and shouted, “Tell the king! Daedalus and Icarus are . . . are . . . _____ _____.”

12. As Icarus learned how to direct his flying, sea gulls pecked at him, so he flew higher and began to _____ the birds by saying “ You can’t catch me!”
13. Icarus unfortunately displayed too much _____ as he thought he would be making history and be famous.
14. Icarus even looked the _____ in the face and jeered, “I can fly as high as you! Higher even!”
15. The sun, known as _____, was a god though and not one for a mortal to compare himself to.
16. Unfortunately for Icarus, the heat of the sun began to _____ the wax and the _____ began to fall off.
17. Eventually, “ _____ ” Icarus fell head first into the sea.
18. The lesson of the myth is _____
_____.