

Allusions Assignment for AP Literature

Attached is a list of allusions. Allusions are famous references and authors will often use allusions to increase the depth and complexity of their work. As a student taking a college-level literature course, it is imperative to be able to recognize, understand, and apply your understanding of allusions in order to gain a more complete analysis of the work you are reading.

Over the summer, you are to become familiar with the allusions on this list. They are grouped as Mythological Allusions, Literary Allusions, Biblical Allusions, Historical Allusions, Arthurian Allusions, and Fairy Tale Allusions.

Remember this: at times the allusions are listed as a word we use in English referencing a common allusion (e.g.: Jovial, referencing the god Jove). Be sure that, as you become familiar with each allusion, your definition gets to the root of the allusion itself.

Your assignment will then be to take five allusions in total, spanning at least three of the categories.

For each allusion you choose, you must

1. Define it.
2. Write a paragraph in which you
 - a. Identify the allusion in popular culture
 - b. Explain the EFFECT of the allusion on the product/movie/etc's overall meaning (how does this reference enhance or complicate meaning?)

Feel free to contact either of us if you have questions.

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MYTHOLOGICAL ALLUSIONS

- Achilles' Heel
- Adonis
- Aeolian
- Apollo
- Argus-Eyed
- Athena/Minerva
- Atlantean
- Aurora
- Bacchanalian
- Calliope
- Cassandra
- Centaur
- Chimera
- Cupidity
- Eros
- Furor
- Gorgon
- Halcyon
- Harpy
- Hector
- Helen (of Troy)
- Herculean
- Hydra-Headed
- Iridescent
- Jovial
- Junoesque
- Jupiter
- Lethargy
- Martial
- Medea
- Mentor
- Mercurial
- Mercury/Hermes
- Mnemonics
- Morphine
- Muse
- Narcissism
- Nemesis
- Neptune
- Niobe
- Odyssey
- Olympian
- Paeon
- Pandora's Box

- Parnassus
- Pegasus
- Phoenix
- Plutocracy
- Promethean
- Protean
- Psyche
- Pygmalion
- Pyrrhic Victory
- Saturnalia
- Saturnine
- Sibyl
- Sisyphian
- Stentorian
- Stygian
- Tantalize
- Terpsichorean
- Titanic
- Volcanoes
- Vulcanize
- Zeus
- The Hero's Journey (see Joseph Campbell)

LITERARY ALLUSIONS

- Babbitt
- Brobdingnagian
- Bumble
- Cinderella
- Don Juan
- Don Quixote
- Panglossian
- Falstaffian
- Frankenstein
- Friday
- Galahad
- Jekyll and Hyde
- Lilliputian
- Little Lord Fauntleroy
- Lothario
- Malapropism
- Milquetoast
- Pickwickian
- Pollyanna

LITERARY ALLUSIONS CON'T

- Pooh-bah
- Quixotic
- Robot
- Rodomontade
- Scrooge
- Simon Legree
- Svengali
- Tartuffe
- Uncle Tom
- Uriah Heep
- Walter Mitty
- Yahoo

BIBLICAL ALLUSIONS

- 33 (age)
- 3:00 (time)
- Absalom
- Alpha and Omega
- Cain
- Daniel
- David and Bathsheba
- Eye of the Needle
- Filthy Lucre
- Goliath
- Good Samaritan
- Handwriting on the wall
- Ishmael
- Jacob
- Job
- Job's comforters
- Jonah
- Judas
- King Ahab and Jezebel
- Manna
- Original Sin/The Fall
- Pearl of Great Price
- Philistine
- Prodigal Son
- Ruth and Naomi
- Samson and Delilah
- Scapegoat
- Sepulcher
- Sodom and Gomorrah
- Solomon
- Twelve Tribes of Israel

HISTORICAL ALLUSIONS

- Attila
- Berserk
- Bloomer
- Bowdlerize
- Boycott
- Canopy
- Casanova
- Chauvinist
- Derrick
- Donnybrook
- Dungaree
- El Dorado
- Hackney
- Horatio Alger
- Laconic
- Limerick
- Machiavellian
- Marathon
- McCarthyism
- Meander
- Mesmerize
- Nostradamus
- Platonic
- Sardonic
- Shanghai
- Spartan
- Stonewall
- Swiftian
- Sybaritic
- Thespian
- Uncle Sam
- Utopia
- Wagnerian
- Waterloo

ARTHURIAN ALLUSIONS

- Uther, Igraine, and the story of Arthur's birth
- Arthur, Guinevere, and Lancelot
- Sir Gawain and "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" (story in verse)
- Merlin
- Morgan le Fay
- Nimue *alias* Vivienne, Lady of the Lake
- Mordred
- Places:* Avalon and Camelot
- Objects:* Excalibur, the Sword in the Stone, the Holy Grail

FAIRY TALE ALLUSIONS

- The Ugly Duckling
- Snow White
- Rumpelstiltskin
- The Princess and the Pea
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Hansel and Gretel
- The Frog Prince
- The Fisherman and His Wife
- Cinderella
- Blue Beard
- Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
- Aladdin