

## Allusion Workshop

Allusion (noun) – an implied or indirect reference to another literary work or event in history in literature.

Two basic sources from which writers, especially poets, draw allusions and metaphors are the Bible and the ancient classical writings (mainly Greek and Roman). A knowledge of the characters and stories contained in the Bible and in the body of myths and legends will add appreciably to the enjoyment of good literature of all kinds. From the very beginning of the literary canon, writers have borrowed characters, plots, and themes from these sources.

In order to help understand allusions you will be in an “allusion workshop”. You will be assigned a literary work and will submit a 5x8 index card (you can use both sides) based on your reading that answers the following ...

- Name of story with author if given
- Source (Biblical, Greek, Roman, etc.)
- No more than 150 word **summary** of the story
- A 50 word **commentary** on sources of **conflict** and their significance (man vs. man, God, nature, himself, etc.)
- A 100 word commentary on the **theme** of the work. Remember, commentary means that you can have an opinion. It means you can JUDGE. If you hate or love a story, great! Now, be an articulate critic and tell me what aspects of that story elicit such a reaction!

Grading for the Allusion Workshop:

20 points (A+) – An awesome card! Filled with thoughtful commentary using extensive evidence. Satisfies all the requirements above and more. In fact, you taught me something about this piece of work! ☺

17 points (A) – A good card. Satisfies all of the requirements above. Effective and thoughtful analysis Of plot. Responsible commentary on piece.

14 points (B) – A fair card. Thin on word requirements. Over-simplified analysis and commentary on theme. Lacks evidence.

12 points (C) – A poor card. Shows lack of effort and thought. A “lazy” card. ☹

10 points (D) – A mockery of AP work! What were you thinking!?! ☹

5 points (F) – Whoa! You missed the assignment or didn’t understand the piece of work!