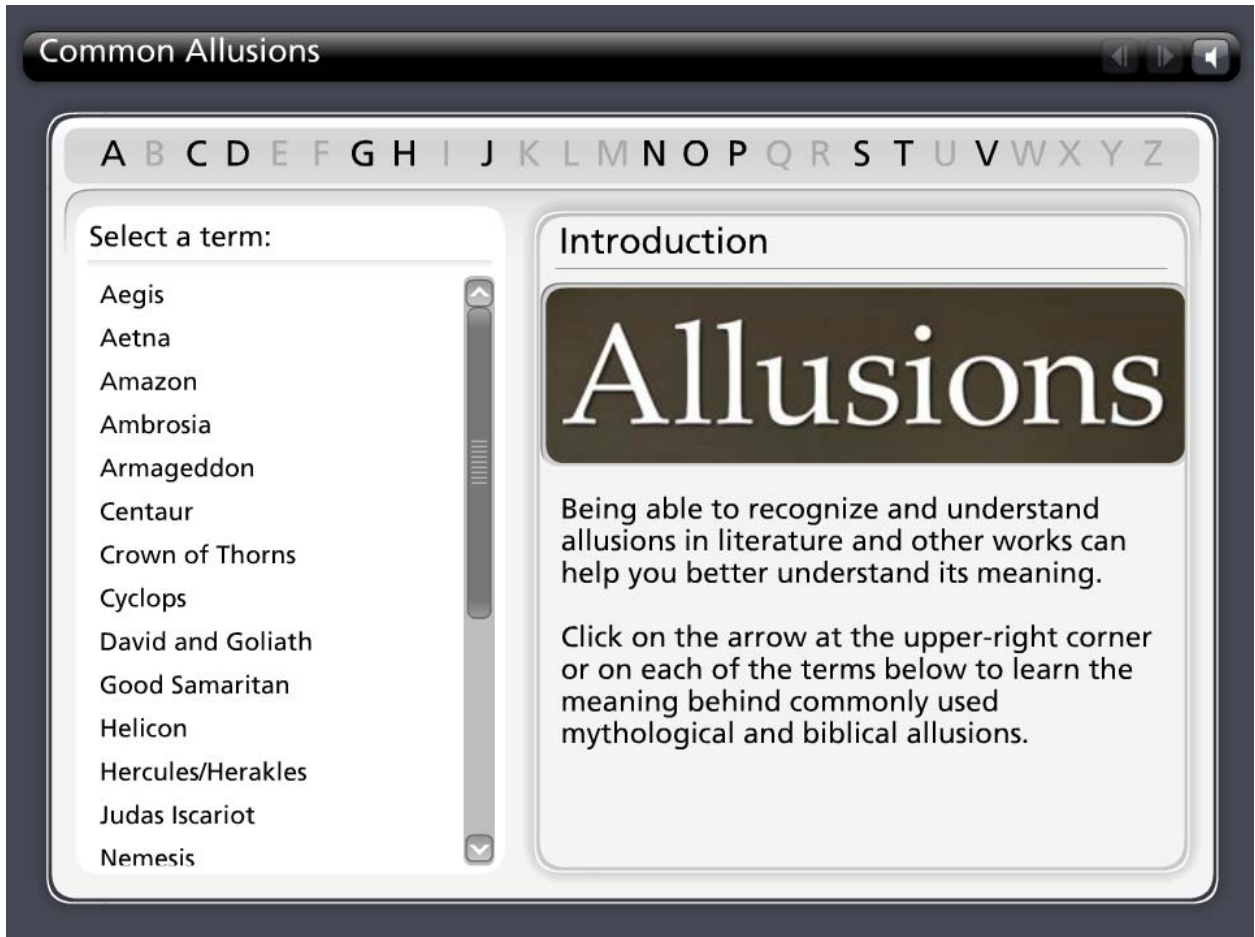


Module 3: The Influence of Faith in Colonial American Literature

Topic 4 Content: Common Allusions Notes Sheet

Introduction



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Amazon



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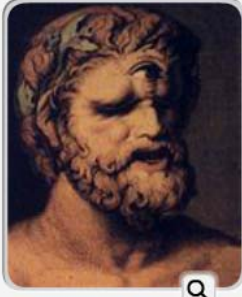
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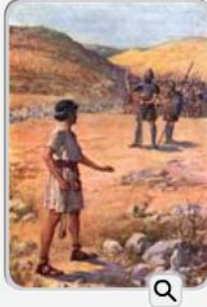
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David and Goliath



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Good Samaritan



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In the image, two people ascend Mount Helicon. *Image source: Constantinos GOFAS*

Example of allusion: The architectural company name Helicon Design Group, Incorporated

Hercules/Herakles


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Hercules/Herakles



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Example of allusion: The name of the retaining-wall manufacturing company Hercules Manufacturing ®

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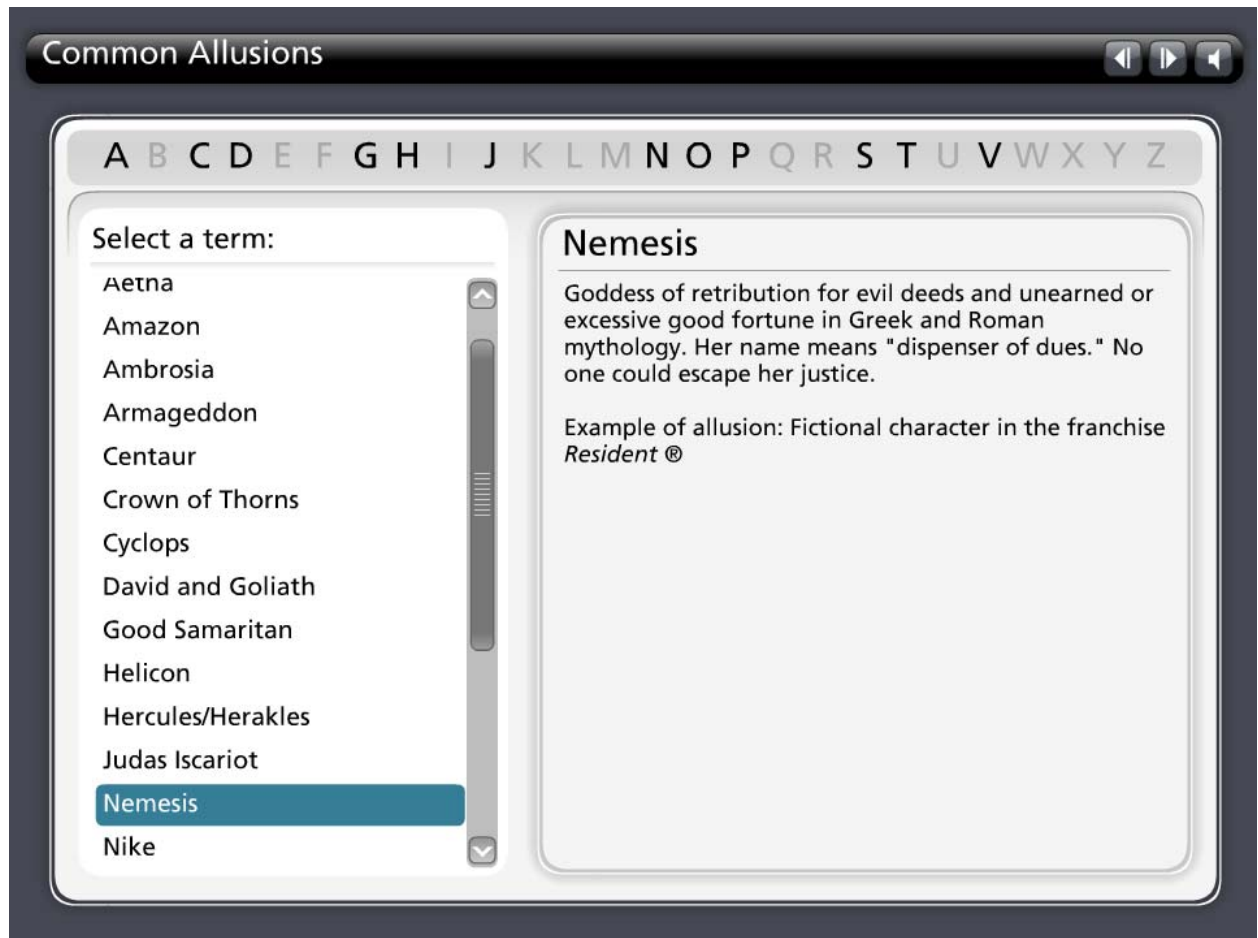
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Nemesis



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Nemesis

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Pandora



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Passover, The



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Styx



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Turn the Other Cheek

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Vulcan



Roman name for Hephaestus, god of the smiths and the forge

Example of allusion: Company name Vulcan Minerals Incorporated

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