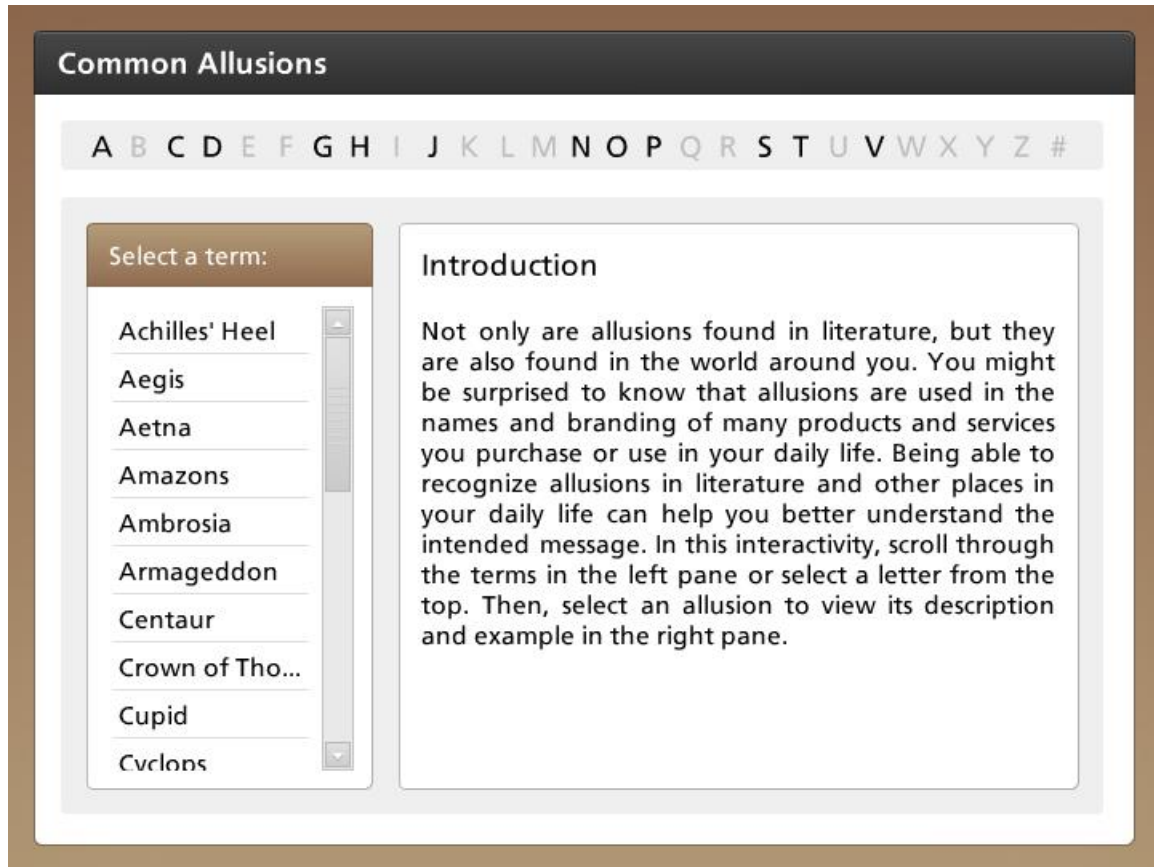


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Achilles' Heel



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Example of allusion: the album *Achilles Heel* by the band Pedro the Lion

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Aegis

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Aegis

The aegis is the protective shield of the Greek gods Zeus and Athena and forged by the god Hephaestus. Shown in the image is the gold aegis on Athena.

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Aetna



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Ambrosia

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Ambrosia

In ancient Greek mythology, ambrosia is the food or drink of the gods. It is thought to bring immortality. In this work of art, the god Thetis anoints Achilles with ambrosia.

Example of allusion: the food company Ambrosia Natural Foods®



The engraving depicts the goddess Thetis kneeling and anointing the young Achilles with ambrosia. Achilles is lying on a bed, and Thetis is pouring the substance from a vessel. The scene is set in a classical architectural setting with columns and a draped curtain. Below the image is a Latin inscription: "Sunt Ambrosia sacra multiformis Achille, Quod mortali fuit magis ceteris eras. Achilles Thetideus sacro Ambrosia perficitur. Sic ut in Pericles sed hinc hinc hinc hinc." The engraving is signed "J. Smith del. J. G. Kneller sculp." in the bottom right corner.

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Centaur

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Centaur

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Crown of Thorns

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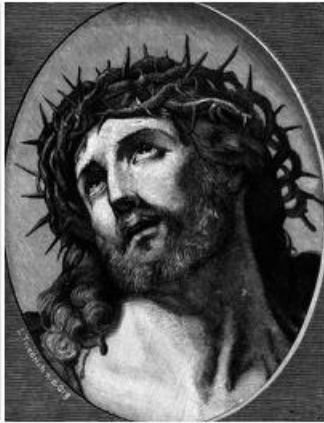
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Crown of Thorns

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Cupid

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Cupid

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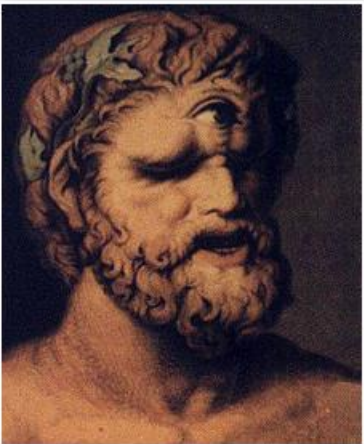
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David and Goliath

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- David and Go...

David and Goliath

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Good Samaritan


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Good Samaritan



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Helicon


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Helicon



Helicon is a woody mountain in Boeotia, Greece. It is home to a temple dedicated to the Muses, the goddesses of inspiration for poetry, music, song, dance, and art. Helicon is also a river in the Greek city Dion. In Greek mythology, the women followers of the god Dionysus killed Orpheus and tried to wash their hands of the blood in the river, but the river sank so as not to clean their murderous hands.

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Example of allusion: the architectural company Helicon Design Group, Inc.

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Hercules

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- Hercules**

Hercules

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



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Judas Iscariot

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Judas Iscariot

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Nemesis

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Nemesis

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Nike

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Nyx

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- Nyx**

Nyx

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Example of allusion: the cosmetics company NYX®



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Odyssey

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Odyssey



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Pandora

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Passover

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Passover

In the Old Testament, the Israelites were instructed by Moses to place lamb's blood on their doors. A plague that kills the firstborn son of every family would *pass over* the homes that have blood on the doors.

Example of allusion: the song "The Passover" by the band The Soundtrack of Our Lives



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Solomon

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Styx

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Example of allusion: the rock band Styx famous in the 1970s and 1980s

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Turn the Other Cheek

In the Bible, Jesus is cited as saying, "But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also" (Matthew 5:39).



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Vulcan

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- Vulcan**

Vulcan

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