



Understanding Mythological Allusions

Today's Standard

4.RL.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).

Cues	Notes
What are allusions?	Allusions are indirect references to a person, place, thing, or idea of historical, cultural, literary, or political significance.
Examples of mythological allusions	Examples include 'Herculean' (referring to Hercules) and 'Achilles' heel' (referring to Achilles).
Why are allusions important?	Allusions add deeper meaning and context to a text, enhancing comprehension and appreciation.
How to identify allusions in a text	To identify allusions, look for references to well-known stories, characters, or historical events.

Summary

Allusions are indirect references in literature that add depth and context. Understanding them enhances comprehension and appreciation of the text.