

## 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).

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying mythological references in modern books; Understanding idiomatic expressions with mythological origins; Analyzing character traits in literature; Enhancing vocabulary through mythology; Connecting literature to historical and cultural contexts

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to understand words and phrases in stories, especially those that mention famous characters from myths, like Hercules.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think all references are direct mentions of myths, or that knowing these references isn't important. But understanding these helps in understanding the story better.

### Quiz Me

- What is an allusion?
- Can you name a character from mythology?
- What does 'Herculean' mean?
- Why are allusions important?
- How can you find allusions in a story?

### Help Me

Understanding words and phrases in stories helps us enjoy them more. For example, if a character is described as 'Herculean,' it means they are very strong, like Hercules from myths. This helps us know more about the character.