

Researching Allusions: Homework

Each week for homework you have to find out about a famous story. When you have done this research, you write a paragraph about the story in your homework jotter.

The reason for doing this is that lots of writers draw on ancient stories and ideas. This is known as an “allusion”.

The story will come from either the Bible (a *Biblical* allusion) or from the history or myth of ancient Greece or Rome (a *classical* allusion).

You should do your research by consulting: the School Library, local libraries, encyclopaedias, biographical dictionaries, history books, Mythological dictionaries — and even the Internet.

Week	Topic	Source
1	Adam and Eve	The Old Testament
2	Abraham and Isaac	
3	Joseph and his brothers	
4	Moses	
5	David and Goliath	
6	The Wisdom of Solomon	
7	Icarus and Theseus	Greek myth
8	Paris and Helen	
9	Agamemnon and Achilles	
10	Odysseus and Penelope	
11	Oedipus and the Sphinx	
12	The Labours of Hercules	Roman myth
13	Aeneas and Dido	
14	Romulus and Remus	
15	Tarquin and the poppies	
16	Horatius at the bridge	
17	Coriolanus and his mother	
18	The Sibylline books	Classical Greek history
19	The Battle of Marathon	
20	The 300 at Thermopylae	
21	The trial of Socrates	
22	Plato and his dialogues	
23	Demosthenes and the pebbles	
24	Alexander and the Gordian knot	Ancient Roman history
25	Hannibal and the Alps	
26	Spartacus and the slaves	
27	Julius Caesar and Brutus	
28	Antony and Cleopatra	
29	Augustus and the Empire	
30	Nero and the Christians	The New Testament
31	The Parable of the Talents	
32	The Prodigal Son	
33	The Last Supper	
34	Pontius Pilate	
35	The Stations of the Cross	
36	The Road to Damascus	