

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.8.4

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

Allusion

What on earth are you referring to???



What am I referring to?

✿ Sometimes, I feel like Atlas-carrying the weight of the world on my shoulders.



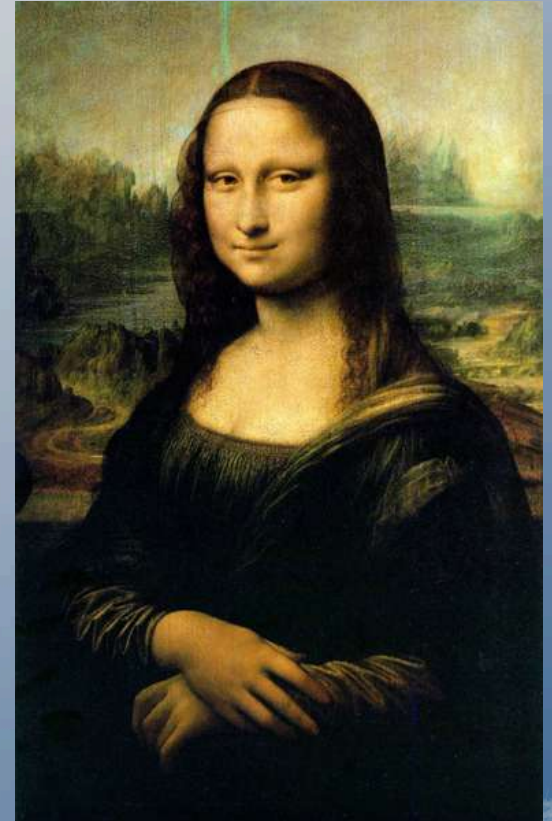
What am I referring to?

✿ She had the wisdom of Athena and the beauty of Aphrodite.



What am I referring to?

★ Her smile was shy but coy. It reminded me of a more famous smile that I once saw on a painting...



So what is it?

- ★ These were all examples of *Allusion*
- ★ Think about these examples and define *allusion*.
- ★ What are you doing when you *allude* to something?



Think-Pair-Share!

- ★ Discuss your answer with a partner to come up with a solid definition for allusion.

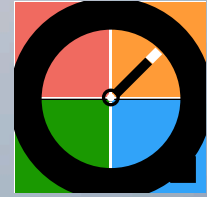


Prentice Hall Literature says...

- ★ An allusion is a reference to a well-known person, place, event, literary work, or work of art.
- ★ Writers usually do not explain their allusions. They expect that their readers will be familiar with the things to which they refer.



Allusion in Music



☀ Listen to the following song
and see if you can hear the
allusions

☀ I will show the lyrics for you
to follow along with

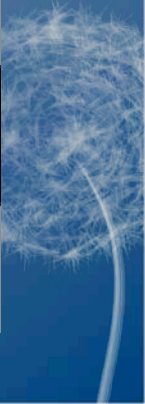
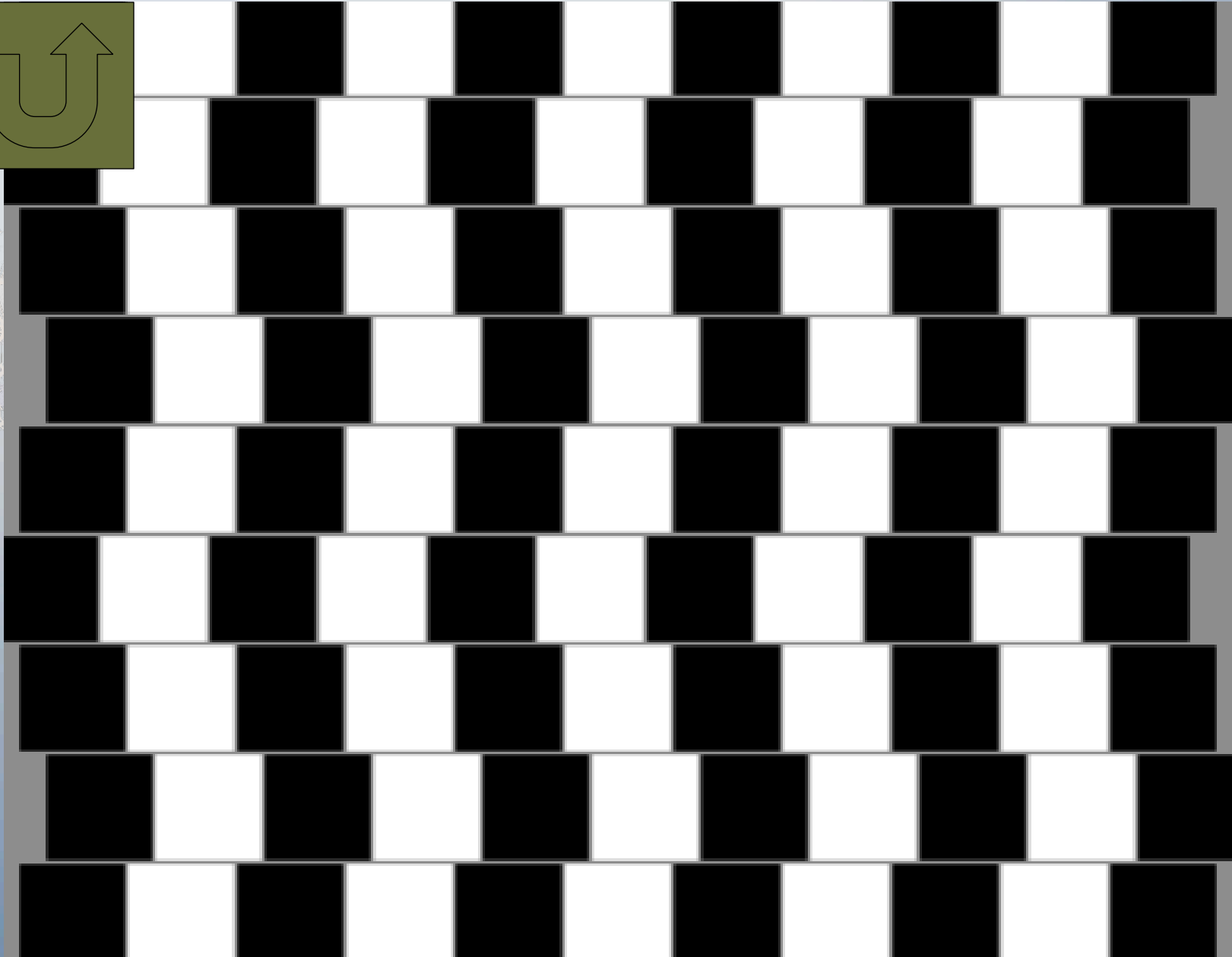
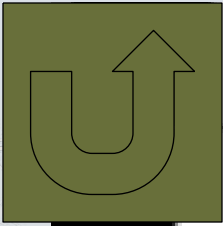
Lyrics

Allusion vs. Illusion

★ The noun *allusion* means "an indirect reference to a person, event, or thing."

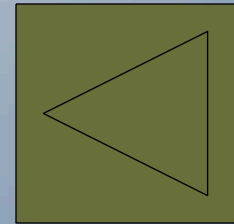
★ *Illusion* is a noun that means "false impression."





1. Were the horizontal lines straight or slanted?

2. Take a second look.



3. Well?

***That is an example of
illusion



★ The cinnamon rolls were huge and golden brown, reminiscent of the twisted buns on the sides of a certain Jedi princess's head.

✧ Tracy, teaching candidate at the University of La Verne



(Courtesy Twentieth Century Fox)

★ The romance between that man and I was not a great Shakespearean tragedy, but we would sacrifice everything for each other

★ Hieu Nguyen, in Grade 9



My friends and I were the real three stooges because we were horsing around and pushing and shoving each other.

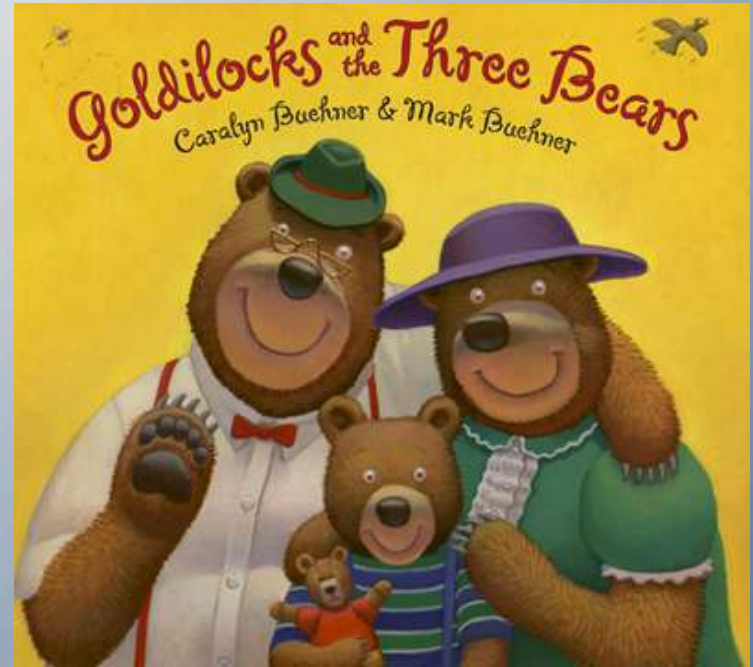


Nick in Grade 7 at Lufkin Road Middle School



★ The family of three sat there like the three bears eating their porridge.

-Arielle Avant in Grade 9 at Cheyenne Mountain H. S.



✿ I was supposed to go out with my friends, but my plans were changed. All of my siblings were gone, but I had been in the house slaving like Cinderella, scrubbing the floors on my hands and knees, washing clothes and dishes and making everyone's beds

- from Crystal B.

✿ in Grade 11 at
Oakland high



★ "I am afraid of spiders, but I'm no cowardly lion!

★ -from Emily
in Grade 6
at Worsley
School.



Connection to Text

★ Can you find the allusions in the following poems?



Create Your Own!

- ★ On the index card, create your own sentence using allusion
- ★ Write your name on the BACK
- ★ We will attempt to guess whose sentence it is

