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Allusions

An allusion is a figure of speech in which the writer indirectly references a person, event, or thing, often from works of famous literature. Allusions are used when the audience is presumed to know them.

Example: Edwin is the Einstein of our class.

Underline the allusion in each sentence.

- 1) The speech opened up a Pandora's box of problems.
- 2) Can you bell the cat and tell Ms. Hills we haven't done the homework?
- 3) The digging work was a Herculean task for the construction team.
- 4) Tourism is the golden goose for many countries.
- 5) Although Jason is living the life of Riley, he never stops complaining.
- 6) Everyone thinks Lily is a Mother Teresa in the making.
- 7) Chocolate and fried chicken are Liam's kryptonite.
- 8) Don't sit there, grinning like a Cheshire cat.
- 9) Let's not be complacent. Tomorrow might be the Ides of March.
- 10) People regard Mark as a Robin Hood.