

## Allusion

Allusion➔	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ a reference by simply naming...NOT by explanation of something in: literature, popular culture, history, etc. to which there's an entire backstory</li></ul> <p>EX: She was an <u>ugly duckling</u>.</p>
Why are allusions used?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Allusions lends themselves to understanding more completely, simply, or deeply the information/situation at hand</li></ul>
What does the author rely upon when using allusions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ the author supposes audience's knowledge to be able to draw upon the previous exposure to and experience with it.</li><li>➤ The author supposes and assumes that the audience is familiar with the allusion based upon prior knowledge/previous exposure/experience</li></ul>
What is the result of the author's presumption about his audience in the use of an allusion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ therefore, the author/speaker does not discuss the backstory</li></ul>
Why <u>doesn't</u> the author include the backstory?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ S/he supposes and assumes that the audience is familiar with the allusion based upon prior knowledge/previous exposure/experience therefore, the author/speaker does not discuss the backstory</li></ul>
What other literary devices might use allusions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ MAY be made into a pun, parody, satire</li></ul>
What is the effect of the fact that not all people have the same background knowledge?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ If an allusion is used where the reader has no or partial knowledge of the backstory, then the allusion will not be effective.</li></ul>

### SUMMARY:

## Allusion continued

<p>What is an allusion NOT (but people sometimes confuse)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NOT an “illusion”  NONEX: He was traveling and thirsty in the desert so started seeing mirages and illusions.</li><li>• the retelling of the backstory  NONEX: So, from the beginning, let me tell you what happened. NONEX: lyrics to “Samson and Delilah”</li><li>• NOT just a mere reference to something.  NONEX: He went to the Target store. NONEX: He was the President of the United States. NONEX: We visited the Eiffel Tower in Paris.</li><li>• NOT just an unfamiliar word.  NONEX: He ate a muffalatta.</li><li>• NOT a remake or revision</li><li>• NOT a theft of an idea</li><li>• NOT my own twist on something</li><li>• NOT accidentally or incidentally the same words</li></ul>
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