



ELA Virtual Learning

English I

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Freshman English
Lesson: April 17th, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

- I can explain how and why an author alludes to or transforms source material within his or her text.
- I can construct a clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, style, and voice are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.

Bell Ringer:

Directions: Copy the following sentences. Underline the allusions in the following sentences, determine to what the writer is referring, and determine a possible meaning for the allusion.

1. The kindergarteners were frightened of the new principal who reminded them of Cruella DeVille.
 - a. Reference to: _____
 - b. Possible meaning: _____

2. When I taught kindergarten, I often felt a bit like Bo Peep as I tried to herd the five year olds down the hall each morning.
 - a. Reference to: _____
 - b. Possible meaning: _____

3. The three-year-old jumped out of the tub, leaving murky, dingy water in his wake. Staring into the tub, his dad exclaimed, "Wowsa. It's like the Boston Tea Party in there."
 - a. Reference to: _____
 - b. Possible meaning: _____

Learn:

Allusion is a literary tool that makes a brief, indirect reference to a person, place, or event.

Allusion Explanation

Example:

The three-year-old jumped out of the tub, leaving murky, dingy water in his wake. Staring into the tub, his dad exclaimed, “Wowsa. It’s like the **Boston Tea Party** in there.”

Explanation: The reference would be Boston Tea Party. The water looked like the Boston Harbor after the English Tea was dumped into the Harbor to protest the British Taxes on the Colonists.

ALLUSION

- Is a figure of speech that makes a brief, indirect reference to a person, place, or event.
- Is related to past or current history, culture, literature or politics.
- Does not include detail about the reference.
- Often used in comparison through a metaphor or simile.
- Often referencing Greek or Roman Mythology or the Bible.

Practice:

Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven" is perhaps his most famous poem, celebrated for its musicality, form, and supernatural atmosphere. As you read, take notes on the symbolic nature of the raven's visit, as well as how the poem's allusions..

- Read: [The Raven](#)
- Audio version: [The Raven](#)
- Reading Questions: [*The Raven Text-Dependent and Writing Extension Questions*](#)

Practice Answer Key:

(Answers will Vary)

- Check your answer to make sure it meets the following criteria:
 - Did you write in complete sentences?
 - Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?
 - Did you answer the question?
 - Did you support and explain your answer using textual evidence on the Writing Extension questions?
- [The Raven Text-Dependent Questions and Writing Extension Answers](#)

If you want to learn more...Additional Resource:

Billy Joel's song "We Didn't Start the Fire" has over 140 historical events that changed the world forever from 1949-1989. Watch Billy Joel's song and make a list of 10 Allusions referenced within.

[Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire"](#)