Name _____ Allusion



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An allusion is an indirect reference to something. When you make an allusion, you call something to mind without specifically mentioning it. The reference can be to a person, place, or thing from real life or from history, literature, or popular culture. You can also allude to a quality that thing represents. The thing being referenced is sufficiently well known that the writer or speaker can be confident that their audience will "get" the reference.

DIRECTIONS: Underline the allusion in each sentence.

1. Candy is my kryptonite.

2. We can go as soon as Romeo finishes saying goodbye to Anna.

3. My new boyfriend has turned out to be a bit of a Scrooge.

4. Oh well. "Hakuna Matata," right?

5. We can't get Narcissus away from the mirror.

6. My college experience was a real Odyssey.

7. If I were you, I would not open that Pandora's box.

8. I felt like a muggle in a room full of wizards.

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