

Name _____ Allusion



Allusions from Greek Literature

DIRECTIONS: Match each common Greek allusion to its meaning.

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| 1. _____ Titanic | A | He was a very handsome young man |
| 2. _____ Pandora's Box | B | She predicted misfortune, but people didn't always believe her |
| 3. _____ Phoenix | C | It dies in fire then rises from its ashes to begin a new life. |
| 4. _____ Trojan Horse | D | He had only one vulnerability: his heel |
| 5. _____ Odysseus | E | Beautiful women whose voices lured sailors onto the rocks and to their deaths |
| 6. _____ Siren | F | Tityus, the son of Zeus and Elara, was an enormous giant whose body covered nearly two acres |
| 7. _____ Harpy | G | A really long, strange journey |
| 8. _____ Cassandra | H | A huge hollow wooden horse used by the Greeks to gain entrance into Troy during the Trojan War |
| 9. _____ Adonis | I | A nasty creature, half-bird and half-woman |
| 10. _____ Achilles' heel | J | She was warned not to open a box, did it anyway, and unleashed human miseries |