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Allusions Practice

Read the following sentences and explain their meaning based on the allusion used. **Underline the allusion used.**

1. Because of the determination of its people, the county rose like a phoenix after the war.

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

2. Kerry was doing pretty well on her diet, but the chocolate cake at the birthday party was her Achilles' heel.

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

3. The minute he saw her walking down the hallway he felt like he had been struck by Cupid's arrow.

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

4. Taking notes from Shakespeare, he wrote her a love letter that swept her off her feet.

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

5. I wanted to sign my name on his birthday card, but someone had put their John Hancock all over the card!

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

6. Stay gold, Ponyboy. Stay gold.

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

7. He may not have looked like it, but growing up on the farm had given him Herculean strength.

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

8. When he calls to me, I am ready I'll wash his feet with my hair if he needs, forgive him when his tongue lies through his brain. Even after three times, he betrays me – "Judas" by Lady Gaga

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

9. He was so angry I expected him to turn green and tear his shirt to bits by flexing his bulging muscles.

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

10. Even though she was beautiful, she was his brother's girlfriend, so he knew that she was forbidden fruit.

Interpret (where does it come from) _____

Explain (what does it mean) _____

Extra Credit (1 point each)

Make your own allusions below.

1. _____

2. _____

Make an allusion using a *simile*:

1. _____

2. _____

Make an allusion using a *metaphor*:

1. _____

2. _____