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Allusion Activity

The article "A Room with a View" in the Your World section is an allusion, or reference, to E.M. Forster's 1908 novel of the same name. An allusion is a reference to a well-known piece of literature, a person, a place, an event, or a work of art. If readers are familiar with the reference, then the allusion helps them understand exactly what the author means without a big explanation.

Example:

Carlos used Herculean strength to lift the sofa off his cat's tail.

The allusion is a reference to the Greek hero, Hercules, who was known for his great strength.

Picturing Hercules helps readers envision Carlos's strength.

Directions: Identify the allusion in each sentence below. Then explain the allusion's reference and meaning.

Sentence	Allusion	To whom or what it refers	Meaning
I am no cowardly lion, but that thunderstorm scared me!			
Ella looked as beautiful as Cinderella on her way to the ball.			
Joe is a good artist, but he is no Leonardo da Vinci.			
A true Scrooge, Mia spends not a penny on anyone.			
A regular Spider-Man, Mark scales the wall with ease.			
A modern-day Romeo and Juliet, Troy and Gabrielle would sacrifice anything for each other.			