

AP Literature Allusions. Allusions are compact keys to meaning. The following is an o-so- introductory list of allusions for literature students. Notice the Bible and mythology get a huge shout-out here. Maybe Foster is on to something? Please add to this list as you come across new references.

1. Cerberus
2. Medusa
3. Stygian
4. Minotaur
5. Venus
6. Nebuchadnezzar's dream
7. Bacchus
8. Nemesis
9. Zephyr
10. Pandora
11. Aurora
12. Persephone
13. Achilles
14. Aphrodite
15. Philistines
16. Clytemnestra
17. Leda
18. Lot/Lot's wife
19. Magi
20. Mary (the Virgin)
21. Mary Magdalene
22. Massacre of the Innocents
23. Pontius Pilate
24. Brutus
25. Prodigal Son
26. Herod
27. Prometheus
28. Solomon
29. Proteus
30. Hermes
31. Pygmalion
32. Daedalus
33. Phoebus
34. Icarus
35. Rachel and Leah
36. Hercules
37. Romulus and Remus
38. Ruth
39. Xanadu
40. Penelope
41. Sabine women, rape of
42. Sisyphus
43. Salome
44. Electra
45. Satyrs
46. Oedipus
47. Scylla and Charybdis
48. Job
49. Sisyphus
50. Cain and Abel
51. Sodom and Gomorrah
52. Abraham and Isaac
53. Styx
54. Absalom
55. Tantalus
56. Achilles
57. Thirty Pieces of Silver
58. Antigone
59. Tower of Babel
60. Armageddon
61. Madonna
62. Atalanta
63. the Second Coming
64. Camelot
65. Thebes
66. Atlas
67. Cain and Abel
68. David and Bathsheba
69. Four horsemen of the apocalypse
70. Good Samaritan
71. Grail or Holy Grail
72. Jacob's ladder
73. Jephthah's daughter
74. Joshua
75. Jezebel
76. Judas Iscariot
77. Laius
78. Lazarus
79. Zephyr
80. Ajax
81. Japhet, Ham, and Shem