

Literary Analysis

ALLUSION

An **allusion** is a brief reference to a fictional or historical person, place, or event, or to another literary work or passage. Writers use allusion to add color and interest to their works. Allusions lead the reader to make connections between the work and his or her own background knowledge.

Directions: Look closely at lines 192–241. Record an example of each type of allusion listed in the first column of the chart. Then explain what Milton is saying about Satan and his surroundings with each allusion. Use the sidenotes in your textbook to help you.

Type of Allusion	Allusion	What Milton Is Saying
1. mythological		
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3. mythological		
4. geographical		
5. Biblical		