

# Allusions

## Answer Key

An **allusion** is a figure of speech that indirectly references a famous person, event, or thing from history or works of literature.

**Example:**

James is the Benjamin of our family.

Underline the allusion in each sentence.

- 1) On the day of a huge political protest, the media asked, "Will it be another Boston Tea Party?"
- 2) I don't want to sound like a Grinch, but should we really go to the beach today?
- 3) Alex's company sells affordable smartphones; he's the Henry Ford of the smartphone industry.
- 4) Frustrated that neither of the stores had shoes of my size, my sister called me a Sasquatch.
- 5) A Mrs. Grundy might find these books offensive, but they're admired by book enthusiasts.
- 6) The Andersons were particularly fond of their Apollonian son, Brian.
- 7) After last week's Haymarket Affair, the company gave in to our demands.
- 8) Donald, who never dressed professionally, was fired. Clothes make the man.
- 9) Herding the kids to and from the library every day, Ms. Smith felt like a Bo Peep.
- 10) It was a Dionysiac life, characterized by irrationality and the rejection of discipline.