

Allusion vs. Illusion

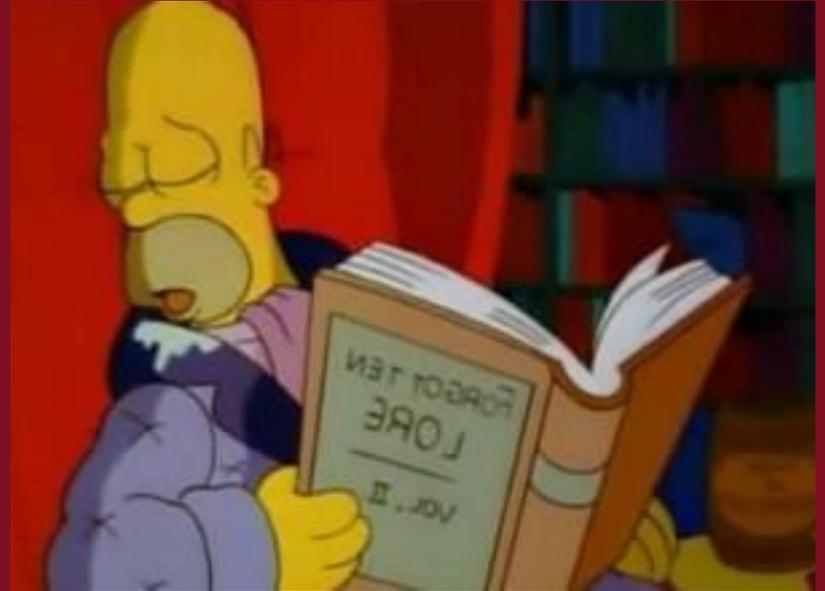
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
introduction

A series of horizontal stripes in various colors (yellow, green, blue, dark blue, orange, red, white, light green) running across the bottom of the slide.

Allusion:

An indirect reference; a casual mention.

“They were like *Romeo and Juliet*.”



Allusion

A statement that has an indirect reference to a work, person, event, etc.

Four Types

- Biblical
- Literary
- Historical
- Cultural (pop culture)

Biblical Allusion

A statement that refers to the Bible without directly mentioning it

- He was a good samaritan yesterday when he helped the lady start her car.
- It's been raining so long that pretty soon we're going to need an arc.



Illusion:

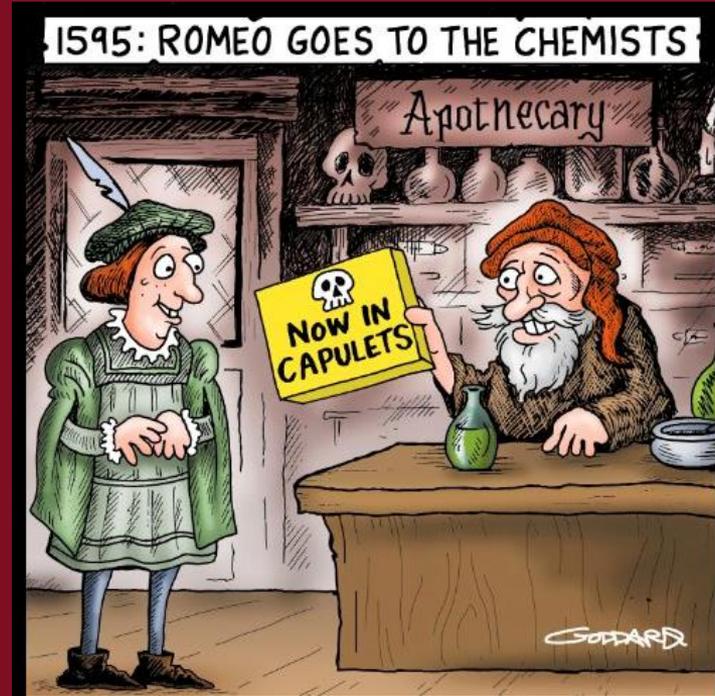
Something that looks or seems different from what it is.

“The magician made the illusion of cutting someone in half.”



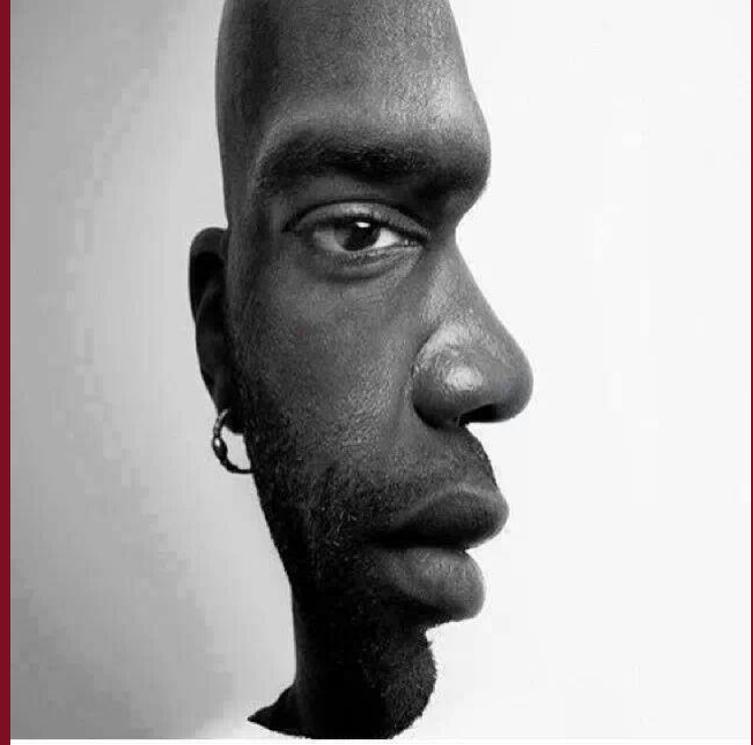
Allusion

Allusion is a reference to something most people are familiar with. They require background knowledge.



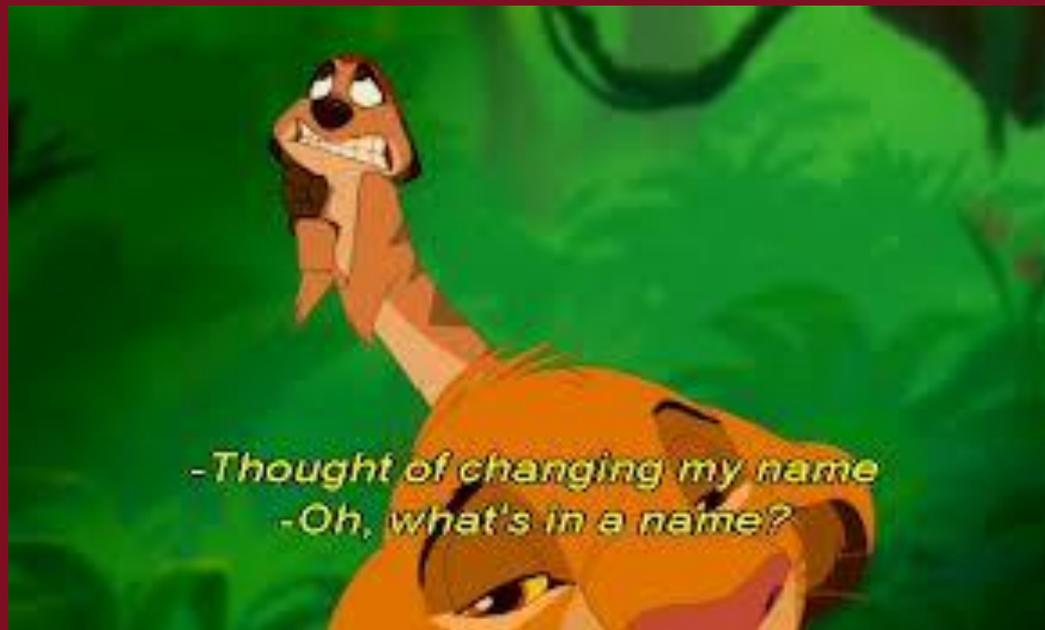
Illusion

An Illusion is a trick. Magicians trick us and our eyes trick us when we look at an optical illusion.



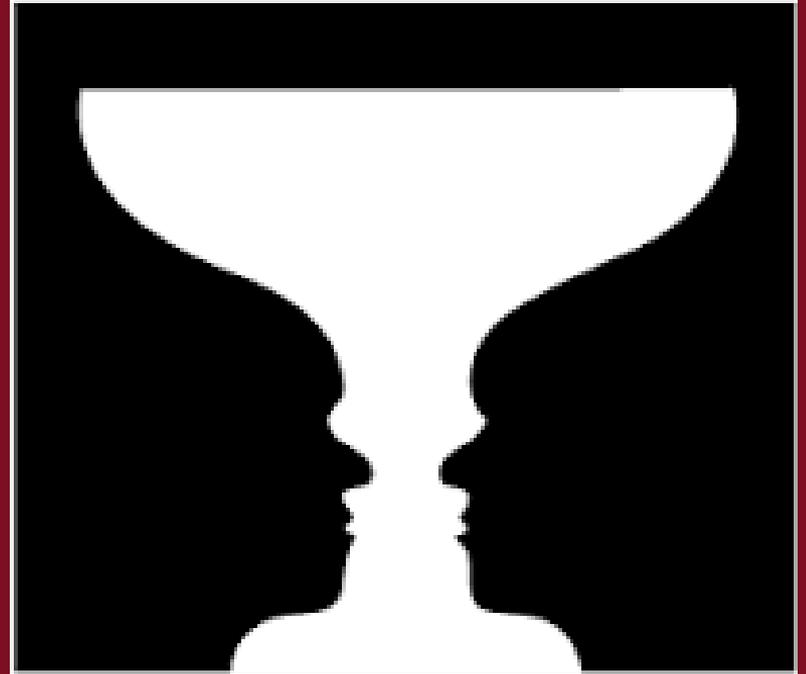
HOW DO I LOATHE THEE?
LET ME COUNT THE WAYS.

10 things I hate about you



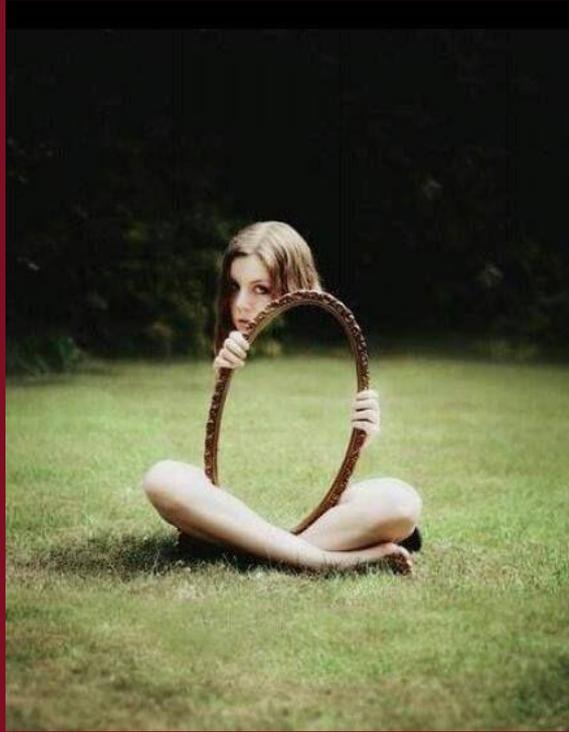


ALLUSION to Harry Potter



Illusion of multiple images

Allusion or Illusion?



**"There's
no
place
like
home"**



Always know your audience

Depending on who your audience is, certain allusions will not make sense since they require the audience to be familiar with the text that is being referred to.

Allusion Example

- **Sally had a smile that rivaled that of *Mona Lisa*.**
- **Since everyone is familiar with the painting, they can imagine what Sally's smile looks like.**

