

# Words to Know for Group Allusion Seminars

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## Mythology

1. Achilles' heel
2. Adonis
3. Aeolian
4. Apollo
5. Argus-eyed
6. Athena/Minerva
7. Atlantean
8. Aurora
9. Bacchanal
10. Bacchanalian
11. Calliope
12. Centaur
13. Chimera
14. Cupidity
15. Erotic
16. Furor
17. Gorgon
18. Halcyon
19. Harpy
20. Hector
21. Helen (of Troy)
22. Herculean
23. Hydra-Headed
24. Iridescent
25. Jovial
26. Junoesque
27. Lethargy
28. Martial
29. Medea
30. Mentor
31. Mercurial
32. Mercury/Hermes
33. Mnemonics
34. Morphine
35. Muse
36. Narcissism
37. Nemesis
38. Neptune
39. Niobe
40. Odyssey
41. Olympian
42. Paeon
43. Pandora's Box
44. Parnassus
45. Pegasus

46. Phoenix
47. Plutocracy
48. Promethean
49. Protean
50. Psyche
51. Pygmalion
52. Pyrrhic victory
53. Saturnalia
54. Saturnine
55. Sibyl
56. Sisyphean
57. Stentorian
58. Stygian
59. Tantalize
60. Terpsichorean
61. Titanic
62. Volcanoes
63. Vulcanize
64. Zeus

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## Bible

1. Absalom
2. Alpha and Omega
3. Cain
4. Daniel
5. David and Bathsheba
6. Eye of the Needle
7. Filthy Lucre
8. Goliath
9. Good Samaritan
10. Handwriting on the wall
11. Ishmael
12. Jacob
13. Job
14. Job's comforters
15. Jonah
16. Judas
17. King Ahab and Jezebel
18. Manna
19. Original Sin/The Fall
20. Pearl of Great Price
21. Philistine
22. Prodigal Son
23. Ruth and Naomi
24. Samson and Delilah
25. Scapegoat Sepulcher

26. Sodom and Gomorrah
27. Solomon
28. Twelve Tribes of Israel

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## Literature

1. Babbitt
2. Brobdingnag
3. Bumble
4. Cinderella
5. Don Juan
6. Don Quixote
7. Pangloss
8. Falstaff
9. Frankenstein
10. Friday
11. Galahad
12. Jekyll and Hyde
13. Lilliputian
14. Little Lord Fauntleroy
15. Lothario
16. Malapropism
17. Milquetoast
18. Pickwick
19. Pollyanna
20. Pooh-bah
21. Quixotic
22. Robot
23. Rodomontade
24. Scrooge
25. Simon Legree
26. Svengali
27. Tartuffe
28. Uncle Tom
29. Uriah Heep
30. Walter Mitty
31. Yahoo

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## History

1. Attila
2. Berserk
3. Bloomer
4. Bowdlerize
5. Boycott
6. Canopy
7. Casanova
8. Chauvinist
9. Derrick
10. Donnybrook
11. Dungaree
12. El Dorado
13. Hackney
14. Horatio Alger
15. Laconic
16. Limerick
17. Machiavellian
18. Marathon
19. McCarthyism
20. Meander
21. Mesmerize
22. Nostradamus
23. Sardonic
24. Shanghai
25. Spartan
26. Stonewall
27. Swift
28. Sybarite
29. Thespian
30. Uncle Sam
31. Utopia
32. Wagnerian
33. Waterloo