

A detailed illustration of school supplies on a wooden desk. In the top left, there is a green notebook, a silver pen, and a yellow pencil with a pink eraser. In the top right, a blue spiral notebook is open, showing a page with a drawing of a butterfly, hearts, and the word "hello". In the bottom right, a white and orange highlighter lies horizontally. The background is a light-colored wooden surface with some yellow shavings or eraser debris.



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College and Career Readiness Standards for Reading:

4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.



Read the following descriptions. What emotion or idea do you get from each one?

A toolbar containing icons for a trash can, a yellow highlighter, a black pen, and a white eraser. To the right are five orange circular navigation buttons: a double left arrow, a single right arrow, a double right arrow, a circular arrow (refresh), and a question mark.



Read the following passage and consider how the author has used language to create a sense of character and setting. Press play to answer questions about the passage.

Press **start** to begin.

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Statement

Example

Explanation

It is important to be able to explain how an author uses word choice to create a specific message. Remember **SEE**: **S**tatement, **E**xample, **E**xplanation. This structure can help you express your ideas about word choice.

Press **start** to begin.

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When writing about language, it is important to be able to identify the different techniques that authors use.
Can you match the figurative language techniques to the correct definitions?

Press **start** to begin.

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Put your knowledge of literary terms
into practice!

Identify each example of
figurative language and match it
to the correct term.

Press **start** to begin.

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Read this excerpt from Mark Twain's novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Consider how Twain uses figurative language to make his descriptions more powerful. Press on the highlighted text for more information.

Press **start** to begin.

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An **allusion** is a reference to a person, place or event. The person, place or event might be real or fictional.

Allusions can be hard to recognize if you are not familiar with the thing that is being referenced. However, allusions are important, as authors often use them to add extra layers of meaning to their work.

Here is an example of an allusion:

James's story made Becca wonder why his nose didn't grow three feet long.

What is this an allusion to? What does it mean?

Spot the allusion

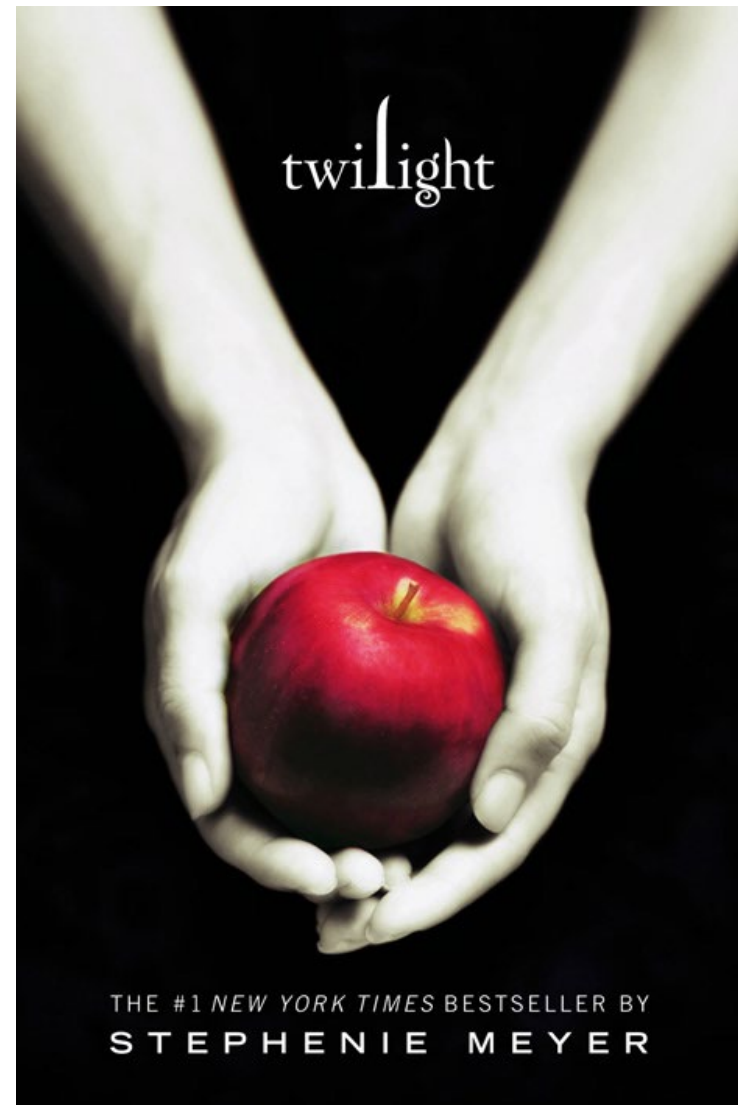


Do you recognize this cover?

This is the cover of *Twilight*, a popular novel about a teenage girl who falls in love with a vampire.

Can you identify the allusion in the cover image?

What does this allusion say about the theme of the book?





Consider this simile: readers are like scientists.

Like a chemist analyzing samples in a lab, a reader's job is to analyze the language techniques used in a text.

