

# Ruffner's Allusions

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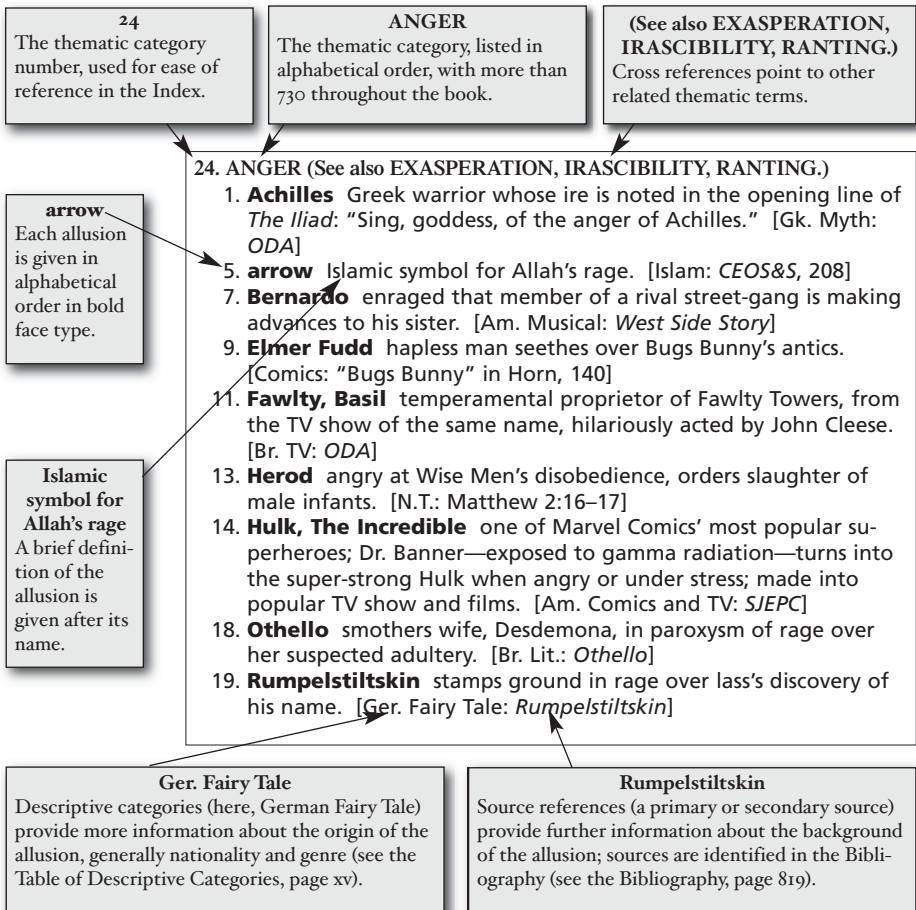
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## How to Use This Book

*Ruffner's Allusions* is a thematic dictionary, with almost 13,000 allusion entries organized under more than 730 thematic categories. These thematic categories are presented in the text in alphabetical order by the name of the category heading, for example, AMBITION, FRIENDSHIP, SLANDER. (A complete list, including cross references, is given in the Table of Thematic Categories, page xvii.) Under each thematic category, one or more—sometimes many more—appropriate entries for allusions are listed.

When seeking a set of allusions that deal with a particular theme, say ANGER, the reader will find it in the text as thematic category no. 24. Under that category number and name will be a list of allusions arranged alphabetically and numbered, as in the following example, which shows just a few of the listings under this category:



## Table of Descriptive Categories (with Abbreviations)

Each of the almost 13,000 allusion entries in *Ruffner's Allusions* includes descriptive categories, which are listed below. These descriptive categories provide more information about the origin of the allusion, generally nationality and genre.

### PRIMARY

African (Afr.)  
American (Am.)  
Ancient  
Arab  
Argentinian (Arg.)  
Arthurian (Arth.)  
Asian  
Australian  
Austrian (Aust.)  
Babylonian (Babyl.)  
Belgian (Belg.)  
British (Br.)  
Buddhist  
Canadian (Can.)  
Chinese  
Christian  
Classical (Class.)  
Czechoslovakian (Czech.)  
Danish (Dan.)  
Dutch  
Eastern  
Egyptian (Egypt.)  
European (Eur.)  
Flemish (Flem.)  
French (Fr.)  
German (Ger.)  
Greek (Gk.)  
Hindu  
Hungarian (Hung.)  
Indian (Ind.)  
Iranian  
Irish  
Islamic  
Israeli  
Italian (Ital.)  
Japanese (Jpn.)

Jewish  
Medieval  
Mexican (Mex.)  
Middle Eastern (Middle East.)  
Native American (Native Am.)  
Norse  
Norwegian (Nor.)  
Persian (Pers.)  
Phoenician  
Polish  
Popular (Pop.)  
Portuguese (Port.)  
Renaissance (Ren.)  
Roman Catholic (Rom. Catholic)  
Roman (Rom.)  
Russian (Russ.)  
Scottish (Scot.)  
Sikh  
Spanish (Span.)  
Swedish (Swed.)  
Swiss  
Taoist  
Tibetan  
Traditional (Trad.)  
Turkish  
Welsh  
Western  
Yiddish

### SECONDARY

Animal Symbolism  
Apocrypha  
Architecture  
Art  
Astrology  
Astronomy  
Aviation

Ballad	Legend
Buddhism	Literature (Lit.)
Business	Miscellaneous (Misc.)
Children's Literature (Children's Lit.)	Music
Christianity	Musical
Comics	Mythology (Myth.)
Cuisine	New Testament (N.T.)
Culture	Nursery Rhyme (Nurs. Rhyme)
Dance	Old Testament (O.T.)
Entertainment	Opera
Fairy Tale	Philosophy (Phil.)
Film	Physics
Flower Symbolism	Plant Symbolism
Folklore	Politics
Folktale	Publishing
Gem Symbolism	Radio
Geography	Religion (Rel.)
Government	Science
Graphic Novels	Sports
Hagiography (Hagiog.)	Symbolism
Hinduism	Technology
History (Hist.)	Television (TV)
Iconography (Iconog.)	Theater
Islam	Theology (Theol.)
Journalism (Jour.)	Trademarks
Judaism	Tradition (Trad.)
Law	Tree Symbolism
	Usage

## Table of Thematic Categories

In *Ruffner's Allusions*, allusion entries are organized under more than 730 thematic categories, listed below. The thematic categories are arranged alphabetically, from ABANDONMENT to ZODIAC, with cross references that point to other related terms.

1. ABANDONMENT (See also ORPHAN.)
2. ABDUCTION
3. ABUNDANCE (See also FERTILITY.)
4. ACTING
5. ACTIVISM (See also RIGHTS, CIVIL; RIGHTS, GAY; RIGHTS, WOMEN'S; SOCIAL PROTEST.)
6. ADDICTION (See also ALCOHOLISM.)
7. ADOLESCENCE
8. ADULTERY (See also CUCKOLDRY, FAITHLESSNESS.)
9. ADVENTUROUSNESS (See also JOURNEY, QUEST, WANDERING.)  
Adversity (See FAILURE.)  
Advice (See COUNSEL.)  
Advocacy (See ACTIVISM.)  
Aeronautics (See AVIATION, SPACE TRAVEL.)  
Affectation (See PRETENSION.)  
Affliction (See SUFFERING.)
10. AGE, OLD
11. AGELESSNESS (See also IMMORTALITY.)  
Aggressiveness (See CONQUEST.)
12. AID, GOVERNMENTAL
13. AID, ORGANIZATIONAL (See also GENEROSITY.)  
Aimlessness (See WANDERING.)
14. AIR
15. ALCOHOLISM
16. ALIENATION  
Allurement (See TEMPTATION.)
17. ALOOFNESS
18. AMBIGUITY
19. AMBITION
20. AMERICA
21. AMERICA, SMALL-TOWN
22. ANDROGYNY
23. ANGEL
24. ANGER (See also EXASPERATION, IRASCIBILITY, RANTING.)  
Angst (See ANXIETY, INSECURITY.)
25. ANNUNCIATION
26. ANTI-HEROISM
27. ANTIQUARIAN
28. ANTI-SEMITISM (See also BIGOTRY, GENOCIDE.)
29. ANTISLAVERY
30. ANTIWAR (See also PEACE, PEACEMAKING.)
31. ANXIETY (See also INSECURITY.)
32. APHRODISIAC
33. APOCALYPSE
34. APOSTASY (See also HERESY, SACRILEGE.)
35. APPEARANCE, DECEIVING (See also ILLUSION.)
36. APPLE  
Architect (See ARCHITECTURE.)
37. ARCHITECTURE
38. ARGUMENTATIVENESS
39. ARISTOCRACY
40. ARROGANCE (See also BOASTFULNESS, CONCEIT, EGOTISM.)
41. ART  
Artist (See ART.)  
Artistic Skill (See ART.)

- Artlessness (See INNOCENCE, NAÏVETÉ.)
42. ASCENSION
43. ASCETICISM (See also DISCIPLINE.)
44. ASS
45. ASSASSINATION (See also MURDER.)
46. ASTROLOGY (See also ZODIAC.)
47. ASTRONOMY
48. ATHEISM
49. ATHLETICISM (See also SPORTS.)  
Austerity (See ASCETICISM, DISCIPLINE, HARSHNESS.)
50. AUTHORITY  
Autobiography (See BIOGRAPHY and AUTOBIOGRAPHY.)
51. AUTOMOBILE
52. AUTUMN
53. AVIATION (See also BALLOONING, SPACE TRAVEL.)  
Award (See PRIZE.)
54. AWKWARDNESS (See also INEPTITUDE.)
55. BACHELOR  
Bachelorette (See SINGLE WOMAN.)  
Badness (See EVIL.)
56. BALDNESS
57. BALLOONING (See also AVIATION.)
58. BANISHMENT
59. BANKRUPTCY (See also POVERTY.)
60. BAPTISM
61. BARRENNESS
62. BARRIER
63. BASEBALL  
Bashfulness (See TIMIDITY.)
64. BASKETBALL
65. BATTLE (See also WAR.)
66. BEAUTY
67. BEAUTY, FEMININE (See also BEAUTY, SENSUAL.)
68. BEAUTY, MASCULINE
69. BEAUTY, RUSTIC
70. BEAUTY, SENSUAL (See also BEAUTY, FEMININE; BEAUTY, MASCULINE; SEX SYMBOL.)
71. BESTIALITY (See also PERVERSION.)
72. BETRAYAL (See also TREACHERY, TREASON.)
73. BIGOTRY (See also ANTI-SEMITISM.)
74. BIOGRAPHY and AUTOBIOGRAPHY
75. BIRD  
Birth (See CHILDBIRTH.)
76. BIRTHSTONE
77. BLACKMAIL (See also BRIBERY.)  
Blasphemy (See APOSTASY.)
78. BLINDNESS
79. BOASTFULNESS (See also ARROGANCE, CONCEIT, EGOTISM.)
80. BOHEMIANISM
81. BOREDOM (See also DESPAIR, FUTILITY.)
82. BORESOMENESS
83. BOXING
84. BRAVERY (See also FORTITUDE, HERO.)
85. BRAWNINESS (See also STRENGTH.)
86. BREVITY
87. BRIBERY (See also BLACKMAIL.)
88. BRIDGE
89. BRIGHTNESS
90. BRITAIN
91. BROADCASTING (See also JOURNALISM, TELEVISION.)
92. BRUTALITY (See also CRUELTY, GENOCIDE, MUTILATION, RUTHLESSNESS, TYRANNY.)
93. BUDDHISM (See also ENLIGHTENMENT, RELIGION.)
94. BULL
95. BULLYING
96. BUREAUCRACY
97. BURIAL ALIVE
98. BURIAL GROUND
99. BUSINESS
100. BUTLER (See also SERVANT.)
101. BUXOMNESS (See also SEX SYMBOL.)
102. CANNIBALISM

103. CARELESSNESS (See also FORGETFULNESS, IRRESPONSIBILITY, LAZINESS.)
104. CARTOON
105. CASTAWAY (See also SHIPWRECK.)
106. CASTRATION
107. CAT
108. CELEBRITY  
Cemetery (See BURIAL GROUND.)
109. CENSORSHIP
110. CHAMPION
111. CHANCE (See also FATE.)  
Charity (See GENEROSITY.)  
Charm (See PROTECTION.)
112. CHASTITY (See also MODESTY, PURITY, VIRGINITY.)
113. CHAUVINISM (See also BIGOTRY, PATRIOTISM.)  
Cheerfulness (See GAIETY, GOOD-NATUREDNESS, JOVIALITY, OPTIMISM.)
114. CHILDBIRTH  
Childlessness (See BARRENNESS.)
115. CHILDREN
116. CHIVALRY
117. CHRIST (See also NATIVITY, PASSION OF CHRIST, RESURRECTION.)
118. CHRISTIANITY (See also CHRIST, RELIGION.)
119. CHRISTMAS (See also NATIVITY.)
120. CIRCUMCISION
121. CLEANLINESS (See also ORDERLINESS.)  
Cleverness (See CUNNING.)
122. CLOCK
123. CLOWN  
Clumsiness (See AWKWARDNESS, INEPTITUDE.)
124. COARSENESS (See also UNSOPHISTICATION.)
125. COCKNEY
126. COLDNESS
127. COLLECTING
128. COLONIZATION
129. COMEDY (See also COMEDY, SLAPSTICK; SATIRE; ZANINESS.)
130. COMEDY, SLAPSTICK (See also COMEDY, ZANINESS.)  
Comeuppance (See LAST LAUGH.)  
Comfort (See LUXURY.)
131. COMIC  
Commerce (See FINANCE.)
132. COMMUNICATION
133. COMMUNISM  
Companionship (See FRIENDSHIP.)  
Compassion (See KINDNESS.)  
Compromise (See PEACEMAKING.)
134. COMPUTING
135. CONCEALMENT (See also REFUGE.)
136. CONCEIT (See also ARROGANCE, BOASTFULNESS, EGOTISM, VANITY.)
137. CONDEMNATION
138. CONFORMITY
139. CONFUCIANISM (See also RELIGION.)
140. CONFUSION
141. CONQUEROR
142. CONSCIENCE
143. CONSERVATISM
144. CONSPIRACY (See also INTRIGUE.)  
Constancy (See LOYALTY.)
145. CONSUMERISM (See also MARKETING.)
146. CONTEMPLATION
147. CONTROVERSY (See also SCANDAL.)  
Conventionality (See CONFORMITY.)
148. COOPERATION
149. CORRUPTION
150. COUNSEL (See also GUIDANCE, WISDOM.)
151. COUNTERCULTURE (See also DRUG CULTURE, PSYCHEDELIA.)  
Courage (See BRAVERY.)
152. COURTESAN (See also MISTRESS, PROSTITUTE.)



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| <p>153. COURTESY (See also HOSPITALITY.)</p> <p>154. COURTESY, EXCESSIVE<br/>Covetousness (See GREED.)</p> <p>155. COWARDICE (See also TIMIDITY.)</p> <p>156. CRAFTSMANSHIP</p> <p>157. CREATION<br/>Creativity (See INVENTIVENESS.)</p> <p>158. CRIME FIGHTING (See also DETECTIVE.)</p> <p>159. CRIMINAL (See also GANGSTERISM, OUTLAW.)</p> <p>160. CRITICISM</p> <p>161. CROSS-DRESSER</p> <p>162. CRUELTY (See also BRUTALITY, HEARTLESSNESS, MUTILATION, TYRANNY.)</p> <p>163. CRYING</p> <p>164. CUCKOLDRY (See also ADULTERY, FAITHLESSNESS.)</p> <p>165. CULTISM</p> <p>166. CUNNING (See also TRICKERY, UNSCRUPULOUSNESS.)</p> <p>167. CURIOSITY (See also EAVES-DROPPING, VOYEURISM.)</p> <p>168. CURMUDGEON</p> <p>169. CURSE</p> <p>170. CUTENESS</p> <p>171. CYNICISM (See also PESSIMISM, SKEPTICISM.)</p> <p>172. DANCE</p> <p>173. DANGER<br/>Darkness (See NIGHT.)</p> <p>174. DAWN</p> <p>175. DEADLINESS</p> <p>176. DEAFNESS</p> <p>177. DEATH</p> <p>178. DEATH, ACCIDENTAL (See also DEATH, PREMATURE.)</p> <p>179. DEATH, PREMATURE (See also DEATH, ACCIDENTAL; LOVE, TRAGIC; VICTIMS.)<br/>Debauchery (See DISSIPATION, LICENTIOUSNESS, PROMISCUITY.)<br/>Debt (See BANKRUPTCY, POVERTY.)</p> <p>180. DECADENCE</p> <p>181. DECAPITATION (See also HEADLESSNESS.)</p> | <p>182. DECEIT (See also FRAUDULENCE, UNSCRUPULOUSNESS.)</p> <p>183. DEFEAT</p> <p>184. DEFENDER</p> <p>185. DEFIANCE (See also REBELLIOUSNESS.)</p> <p>186. DEFORMITY</p> <p>187. DELIVERANCE (See also FREEDOM.)</p> <p>188. DELUSION</p> <p>189. DEMAGOGUERY</p> <p>190. DEMON (See also DEVIL.)</p> <p>191. DESPAIR (See also BOREDOM, FUTILITY, SUICIDE.)<br/>Destiny (See FATE.)</p> <p>192. DESTRUCTION</p> <p>193. DETECTIVE (See also CRIME FIGHTING, MYSTERY.)</p> <p>194. DETERMINATION (See also PERSISTENCE.)</p> <p>195. DEVIL (See also DEMON.)<br/>Devotion (See FAITHFULNESS.)</p> <p>196. DICTION, FAULTY</p> <p>197. DIGNITY (See also NOBLEMINDEDNESS.)</p> <p>198. DILEMMA</p> <p>199. DIMWITTEDNESS (See also IGNORANCE, STUPIDITY.)</p> <p>200. DIRTINESS</p> <p>201. DISAPPEARANCE (See also ABDUCTION.)</p> <p>202. DISASTER (See also SHIPWRECK.)</p> <p>203. DISCIPLINE (See also ASCETICISM.)</p> <p>204. DISCORD (See also CONFUSION.)</p> <p>205. DISCOVERY<br/>Discrimination (See ANTI-SEMITISM, BIGOTRY, RACISM.)</p> <p>206. DISEASE</p> <p>207. DISGUISE<br/>Dishonesty (See DECEIT.)</p> <p>208. DISILLUSIONMENT</p> <p>209. DISOBEDIENCE<br/>Disorder (See CONFUSION.)</p> <p>210. DISSIPATION (See also LICENTIOUSNESS, PROMISCUITY.)<br/>Divination (See OMEN.)</p> <p>211. DOG</p> |
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212. DOMESTICITY (See also WIFE.)
213. DOUBLES (See also TWINS.)
214. DRAMATIST
215. DREAMING
216. DRUG CULTURE (See also COUNTERCULTURE, PSYCHEDELIA.)
217. DRUNKENNESS (See also ALCOHOLISM.)
218. DUPERY (See also GULLIBILITY.)
219. DWARF (See also SMALLNESS.)
220. DYSTOPIA  
Eagerness (See ZEAL.)
221. EARTH
222. EASTER
223. EAVESDROPPING
224. ECCENTRICITY
225. ECONOMICS
226. EDUCATION (See also TEACHING.)
227. EGOTISM (See also ARROGANCE, BOASTFULNESS, CONCEIT, INDIVIDUALISM, VANITY.)
228. ELEGANCE (See also SOPHISTICATION.)
229. ELF
230. ELOPEMENT
231. ELOQUENCE
232. ENCHANTMENT (See also FANTASY, MAGIC, WITCHCRAFT.)
233. END
234. ENDURANCE (See also LONGEVITY, SURVIVAL.)
235. ENEMY
236. ENERGY
237. ENLIGHTENMENT
238. ENTRAPMENT
239. ENTREPRENEURSHIP
240. ENVIRONMENTALISM
241. ENVY (See also JEALOUSY.)
242. EPIC
243. EPICURE (See also FEAST.)
244. EPILEPSY
245. EROTICISM
246. ERROR
247. ESCAPE
248. EVANGELISM
249. EVERYMAN (See also WHOLE-SOMENESS.)
250. EVIL (See also DEMON, DEVIL, VILLAIN, WICKEDNESS.)
251. EXAGGERATION
252. EXASPERATION (See also ANGER, FRUSTRATION, IRASCIBILITY, RANTING.)
253. EXCELLENCE
254. EXCESS
255. EXECUTION
256. EXISTENTIALISM  
Expensiveness (See EXTRAVAGANCE.)
257. EXPLOITATION (See also OPPORTUNISM.)
258. EXPLORATION (See also FRONTIER.)
259. EXTINCTION
260. EXTRAVAGANCE (See also LUXURY, SPECTACLE, SPLENDOR.)
261. EXTREMISM (See also FANATICISM.)
262. FAD (See also FASHION.)
263. FAILURE
264. FAIRY
265. FAITHFULNESS (See also LOYALTY.)
266. FAITHLESSNESS (See also ADULTERY, CUCKOLDRY.)
267. FAME
268. FAMILY
269. FANATICISM (See also EXTREMISM.)
270. FANTASY (See also ENCHANTMENT, MAGIC, SCIENCE FICTION.)
271. FAREWELL
272. FARMING
273. FASCISM
274. FASHION (See also FAD.)
275. FASTIDIOUSNESS (See also PUNCTUALITY.)
276. FATE (See also CHANCE.)
277. FATHERHOOD
278. FATNESS
279. FEARSOMENESS
280. FEAST (See also EPICURE.)
281. FEMALE POWER  
Feminism (See RIGHTS, WOMEN'S.)

282. FERRYING
283. FERTILITY (See also ABUNDANCE.)
284. FESTIVAL  
Fierceness (See SAVAGERY.)
285. FILMMAKER  
Filth (See DIRTINESS.)
286. FINANCE (See also MONEY.)
287. FIRE
288. FIREARMS
289. FIRSTS
290. FLATTERY
291. FLIGHT, IMAGINARY
292. FLIRTATION (See also SEDUCTION.)
293. FLOWER
294. FLOWER or PLANT, NATIONAL (See also FLOWER, STATE.)
295. FLOWER, STATE (See also FLOWER or PLANT, NATIONAL.)
296. FOLLY
297. FOOD and DRINK  
Foolishness (See DIMWITTEDNESS, STUPIDITY.)  
Fools (See CLOWNS.)
298. FOOTBALL
299. FOP
300. FORGERY (See also FRAUDULENCE.)
301. FORGETFULNESS (See also CARELESSNESS.)
302. FORGIVENESS
303. FORTITUDE (See also BRAVERY.)
304. FOURTH OF JULY  
Fratricide (See MURDER.)
305. FRAUDULENCE (See also DECEIT, FORGERY, HOAX.)
306. FREEDOM (See also DELIVERANCE.)
307. FRENZY
308. FRIENDSHIP (See also LOYALTY.)
309. FRIVOLITY
310. FRONTIER (See also WEST, THE.)
311. FRUSTRATION (See also EXASPERATION, FUTILITY.)
312. FUTILITY (See also BOREDOM, DESPAIR, FRUSTRATION.)
313. GAIETY (See also JOVIALITY, JOY.)  
Gallantry (See CHIVALRY.)
314. GAMBLING
315. GAME
316. GANGSTERISM (See also CRIMINAL, OUTLAW.)
317. GENERATION GAP
318. GENEROSITY (See also AID, ORGANIZATIONAL; HELPFULNESS; KINDNESS; PHILANTHROPIST.)  
Genetics (See SCIENCE.)  
Genius (See INTELLIGENCE.)
319. GENOCIDE (See also ANTI-SEMITISM, BRUTALITY, MASSACRE.)
320. GENTLENESS
321. GENUINENESS
322. GHOST
323. GIANT (See also TALLNESS.)  
Global Warming (See ENVIRONMENTALISM.)
324. GLUTTONY
325. GOD
326. GOLF
327. GOODNATUREDNESS (See also JOVIALITY.)  
Goodness (See KINDNESS.)
328. GOSSIP (See also SLANDER.)  
Gourmand (See EPICURE, GLUTTONY.)  
Graciousness (See COURTESY, HOSPITALITY.)
329. GRATITUDE
330. GREED (See also MISERLINESS.)
331. GRIEF
332. GROWTH
333. GUARDIAN (See also PROTECTOR.)
334. GUIDANCE (See also COUNSEL, WISDOM.)
335. GUIDE
336. GULLIBILITY (See also DUPERY.)
337. HAIR  
Happiness (See JOY.)
338. HARMONY
339. HATRED
340. HEADLESSNESS (See also DECAPITATION.)

341. HEALING (See also HEALTH, MEDICINE.)
342. HEALTH (See also HEALING, MEDICINE.)
343. HEARTLESSNESS (See also CRUELTY, RUTHLESSNESS.)
344. HEAVEN (See also PARADISE.)  
Height (See GIANT, TALLNESS.)
345. HELL (See also UNDERWORLD.)
346. HELPFULNESS (See also AID, ORGANIZATIONAL; GENEROSITY; KINDNESS.)
347. HENPECKED HUSBAND
348. HERESY (See also APOSTASY, SACRILEGE.)
349. HERO (See also BRAVERY.)
350. HIGHSPIRITEDNESS (See also MISCHIEVOUSNESS.)
351. HIGHWAYMAN (See also OUTLAW, THIEF.)
352. HINDUISM (See also RELIGION.)
353. HOAX (See also FORGERY, FRAUDULENCE.)
354. HOCKEY
355. HOLY DAY and PERIOD
356. HOMECOMING
357. HOMOSEXUALITY (See also RIGHTS, GAY.)
358. HONESTY (See also NOBLE-MINDEDNESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS, VIRTUOUSNESS.)
359. HOPE (See also OPTIMISM.)
360. HORROR
361. HORSE (See also RACING, HORSE.)
362. HOSPITALITY (See also COURTESY.)
363. HOUSE, FATEFUL  
Hugeness (See GIANT.)
364. HUMILITY (See also MODESTY.)  
Humorousness (See WITTINESS.)
365. HUNGER
366. HUNTING
367. HYPOCRISY (See also PRETENSION.)
368. IDEALISM
369. IDENTIFICATION
370. IDOLATRY
371. IGNORANCE (See also DIMWITTEDNESS, STUPIDITY.)
372. ILLEGITIMACY
373. ILLUSION (See also APPEARANCES, DECEIVING.)
374. IMAGINATION
375. IMMORTALITY (See also AGELESSNESS.)
376. IMPERIALISM
377. IMPERSONATION
378. IMPERTINENCE  
Impetuousness (See RASHNESS.)  
Impossibility (See UNATTAINABILITY.)
379. IMPRISONMENT (See also ISOLATION.)
380. INCEST  
Incompetence (See INEPTITUDE.)
381. INCOMPLETENESS  
Incorruptibility (See HONESTY.)
382. INDECISION
383. INDEPENDENCE
384. INDIFFERENCE
385. INDIVIDUALISM (See also EGOTISM.)
386. INDUCEMENT
387. INDUSTRIOUSNESS
388. INEPTITUDE
389. INEXPENSIVENESS
390. INEXPERIENCE (See also INNOCENCE, NAÏVETÉ.)
391. INFANTICIDE  
Infertility (See BARRENNESS.)  
Infidelity (See ADULTERY, CUCK-OLDRY, FAITHLESSNESS.)
392. INFORMER
393. INGRATITUDE
394. INJUSTICE
395. INNOCENCE (See also INEXPERIENCE, NAÏVETÉ.)
396. INNOVATION (See also INVENTIVENESS.)  
Inquisitiveness (See CURIOSITY.)  
Insanity (See MADNESS.)
397. INSECURITY (See also ANXIETY.)  
Inseparability (See FRIENDSHIP.)  
Insolence (See ARROGANCE.)
398. INSPIRATION

## 370. IDOLATRY

1. **Aaron** responsible for the golden calf. [O.T.: Exodus 32]
2. **Ashtaroth** Canaanite deities worshiped profanely by Israelites. [O.T.: Judges 2:12]
3. **Baalim** Canaanite deities worshiped profanely by Israelites. [O.T.: Judges 2:11]
4. **Baphomet** fabled image; allegedly a Templar fetish. [Medieval Legend: Walsh *Classical*, 46]
5. **David** King of Israel who was held in reverence after he slew Goliath. [O.T.: Samuel 17:4–51]
6. **golden calf** idol made by Aaron in Moses's absence. [O.T.: Exodus 32:2–4]
7. **Jehu** obliterates profane worship of Baal. [O.T.: II Kings 10:29]
8. **Jeroboam** forsook worship of God; made golden calves. [O.T.: I Kings 12:28–33]
9. **Moloch** deity to whom parents sacrificed their children. [O.T.: II Kings 23:10]
10. **Parsis** religious community of India; worship fire along with other aspects of nature. [Hindu Rel.: *NCE*, 2075]

## 371. IGNORANCE (See also DIMWITTEDNESS, STUPIDITY.)

1. **Am ha-Arez** those negligent in or unobservant of Torah study. [Judaism: Wigoder, 26]
2. **avidya** ignorance as cause of suffering through desire. [Hindu Phil.: Parrinder, 36]
3. **Dark Ages** used in reference to the early Middle Ages (4th—11th centuries); symbol of irrationality, ignorance. [Eur. Hist.: *ODA*]
4. **Deane, Lucy** unaware of fiancé Stephen's obvious relationship with Maggie. [Br. Lit.: *The Mill on the Floss*]
5. **Dunsmen** opposers of Renaissance learning (14th century); hence, *dunce*. [Br. Hist.: Espy, 116]
6. **Islayev, Arkady** so entrenched in work, oblivious to wife's infidelities. [Russ. Lit.: *A Month in the Country*]
7. **It Pays to Be Ignorant** panelists fail to answer such questions as "Which player on a baseball team wears a catcher's mask?" [Am. Radio: Buxton, 120]
8. **Neanderthal** prehistoric human ancestor; now, a term for a backward, stupid individual. [Pop. Culture: *FOF, MOD*]
9. **Newman, Alfred E.** cartoon character personifying ignorance as bliss: "What, me worry?" [Comics: "Mad" in Horn, 442]
10. **Parable of the Cave** cave dwellers see only the shadows of reality. [Gk. Phil.: *Republic*]

11. **Peppermint Patty** cartoon character habitually stumped by teacher and forever failing exams. [Comics: "Peanuts" in Horn, 543]
12. **Scarecrow** goes to Wizard of Oz to get brains. [Am. Lit.: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*]
13. **Schweik** cheerful, feeble-minded character; the antithesis of German militarism. [Czech Lit.: *The Good Soldier: Schweik*, Magill IV, 390–392]
14. **Sweat Hogs** class of incorrigible students majoring in remedial education. [TV: "Welcome Back, Kotter" in Terrace, II, 423]

### 372. ILLEGITIMACY

1. **bend sinister** supposed stigma of illegitimate birth. [Heraldry: Misc.]
2. **Clinker, Humphry** servant of Bramble family turns out to be illegitimate son of Mr. Bramble. [Br. Lit.: *Humphry Clinker*, Payton, 324]
3. **Edmund** illegitimate son of Earl of Gloucester; conspires against father. [Br. Hist.: *King Lear*]
4. **Jones, Tom** revealed to be Squire Allworthy's sister Bridget's illegitimate son. [Br. Lit.: Fielding *Tom Jones*]

### 373. ILLUSION (See also APPEARANCES, DECEIVING.)

1. **Barmecide feast** imaginary feast served to beggar by prince. [Arab. Lit.: *Arabian Nights*, "The Barmecide's Feast"]
2. **Breakfast at Tiffany's** classic 1961 film starring Audrey Hepburn portrays young woman's romantic illusions. [Am. Film: *SJEPC*]
3. **Calvin and Hobbes** popular comic strip (1985–95) by Bill Watterson featuring an imaginative, mischievous boy, Calvin, and his philosophical stuffed tiger, Hobbes, who came alive only when other characters were absent. [Am. Comics: *SJEPC*]
4. **Emperor's new clothes** supposedly invisible to unworthy people; in reality, nonexistent. [Dan. Lit.: *Andersen's Fairy Tales*]
5. **Escher, M.C. (1902–1972)** Dutch artist known for prints featuring complex, paradoxical forms and structures. [Art: *ODA*]
6. **Fata Morgana** esp. in the Straits of Messina: named for Morgan le Fay. [Ital. Folklore: Espy, 14]
7. **Field of Dreams** Iowa farmer fears he's only imagined the mysterious voice urging, "If you build it he will come" and his vision of creating a baseball diamond in the middle of his cornfield (1989). [Am. Film: *SJEPC*]
8. **George and Martha** as an imaginary compensation for their childlessness, pretend they have a son, who would now be twenty-one. [Am. Drama: Edward Albee *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in *On Stage*, 447]

9. *Glass Menagerie, The* drama of St. Louis family escaping reality through illusion (1945). [Am. Lit.: *The Glass Menagerie*, Magill III, 418–420]
10. **Herbert, Niel** Mrs. Forrester's affairs destroyed his image of her. [Am. Lit.: *A Lost Lady*]
11. **Hudibras** English Don Quixote; opponent of repressive laws. [Br. Lit.: *Hudibras*, Espy, 204]
12. **Marshland, Jinny** saw philanderer Brad Criley as true lover. [Am. Lit.: *Cass Timberlane*]
13. **mirage** something illusory, such as an imaginary tree and pond in the midst of a desert. [Pop. Usage: Misc.]
14. **Mitty, Walter** imagines self in brilliant and heroic roles. [Am. Lit.: "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" in Cartwell, 606–610]
15. **Quixote, Don** attacks windmills thinking them giants. [Span. Lit.: *Don Quixote*]
16. **Snoopy** imaginative dog. [Comics: "Peanuts" in Horn, 542–543]
17. **Xanadu** place appearing in Coleridge's dream; where Kubla Khan "did/A stately pleasure-dome decree." [Br. Lit.: "Kubla Khan" in Payton, 744]

### 374. IMAGINATION

1. *Harold and the Purple Crayon* picture book written in 1955 by Crockett Johnson; curious four-year-old uses a purple crayon to draw a world that comes alive as he creates it. [Am. Children's Lit.: Misc.]
2. **Little Bear** protagonist of four stories by Else Holmelund Minarik, illustrated by Maurice Sendak; childlike and very imaginative, he enjoys the security and love of his nurturing mother. [Am. Children's Lit.: Jones]
3. **Randall, Rebecca Rowena** protagonist of children's book *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* by Kate Douglas Wiggin; imaginative and sensitive child; gets into a fair share of trouble before maturing into a devoted, self-sacrificing young woman. [Am. Children's Lit.: Jones]
4. *Where the Wild Things Are* best-selling 1963 picture book by Maurice Sendak; Max, punished and sent to his room, imagines a world of monsters who make him their king, but he returns home to be where he is loved; although critics had their doubts, children were enthralled. [Am. Children's Lit.: OCCL]

### 375. IMMORTALITY (See also AGELESSNESS.)

1. **Admetus** granted everlasting life when wife Alcestis dies in his place. [Gk. Myth.: NCE, 54]

2. **amber axe** symbol of everlasting life. [Western Folklore: Jobses, 82]
3. **ambrosia** food of the gods; bestows immortality. [Gk. Myth.: Brewer *Dictionary*]
4. **amrita** beverage conferring immortality. [Hindu Myth.: Par-rinder, 19]
5. **ankh** symbol of eternal life. [Egyptian Culture: *IEOTS*, 45]
6. **apples of perpetual youth** admit Norse gods to eternal life. [Norse Myth.: Benét, 43]
7. **Calypso** promises Odysseus eternal youth and immortality if he will stay with her forever. [Gk. Myth.: Brewer *Dictionary*, 166]
8. **cedar** symbol of everlasting life. [Western Folklore: Jobses, 301]
9. **Chiron** immortal centaur. [Gk. Myth.: Kravitz, 58]
10.  **cicada** symbol of eternal life. [Chinese Folklore: Jobses, 338]
11. **cypress** symbol of eternal life. [Flower Symbolism: Jobses, 402]
12. **cypress coffin** symbolizes everlasting life; used for burials of heroes. [Gk. and Egyptian Folklore: Leach, 272]
13. **fan palm** emblem of eternal life among early Christians. [Plant Symbolism: Embolden, 25–29]
14. **globe amaranth** flower of immortality. [Flower Symbolism: *Flora Symbolica*, 172]
15. **greybeard-grow-young** magical lake plant; its scent conferred everlasting life. [Babyl. Myth.: *Gilgamesh*]
16. **ichor** flows through the veins of gods instead of blood. [Gk. Myth.: Brewer *Dictionary*]
17. **ivy** symbol of immortality and friendship. [Symbolism: *CEOS&S*]
18. **Luggnagg** imaginary island; inhabitants immortal but lack immortal health. [Br. Lit.: *Gulliver's Travels*]
19. **nectar** drink of the gods; bestows eternal life. [Gk. and Roman Myth.: Brewer *Dictionary*, 75]
20. **nightingale** immortal bird whose voice has been heard from time immemorial. [Br. Poetry: Keats "Ode to a Nightingale"]
21. **peach** very important Chinese symbol with many meanings, including immortality, marriage, fertility. [Symbolism: *CEOS&S*]
22. **scarab** dung-beetle; said to carry secret of eternal life. [Egyptian Legend: Brewer *Dictionary*, 967]
23. **serpent** sheds skin to renew its life. [Gk. Myth.: Gaster, 37]
24. **Struldbrugs** race "cursed" with gift of deathlessness. [Br. Lit.: *Gulliver's Travels*]



25. **Tithonus** given eternal life but not eternal youth. [Gk. Myth.: Brewer *Dictionary*, 1087]
26. **tree of life** eat of its fruit and live forever. [O.T.: Genesis 3:22]
27. **Utnaphishtim** blessed by Enlil with everlasting life. [Babyl. Myth.: *Gilgamesh*]
28. **Wandering Jew** doomed to live forever for scorning Jesus. [Gr. Lit.: *The Wandering Jew*]
29. **Xanthus and Balius** Achilles' divine horses. [Gk. Lit.: *Iliad*]
30. **yew** traditionally planted in churchyards; symbol of deathlessness. [Br. Legend: Brewer *Dictionary*, 1171]

### 376. IMPERIALISM

1. **White Man's Burden** imperialist's duty to educate the uncivilized. [Br. Hist.: Brewer *Dictionary*, 1152]

### 377. IMPERSONATION

1. **Patroclus** wore the armor of Achilles against the Trojans to encourage the disheartened Greeks. [Gk. Lit.: *Iliad*]
2. **Prisoner of Zenda, The** Englishman impersonating his distant relative King Rudolf is crowned in his stead. [Br. Lit.: *The Prisoner of Zenda*]
3. **Schicci, Gianni** dressed to resemble the dying testator in order to dictate a fraudulent will. [Ital. Hist. and Opera: *Gianni Schicci* in *Collier's*]
4. **Tichborne case** claimant to the Tichborne baronetcy impersonated the missing heir; proved a perjurer and imprisoned. [Br. Lit.: Brewer *Dictionary*, 898]
5. **Zeus** assumes the appearance of her husband Amphitryon in order to seduce Alcmene. [Fr. Drama: Molière *Amphitryon*]

### 378. IMPERTINENCE

1. **Bugs Bunny** cartoon character who is impertinent toward everyone. [Comics: Horn, 140]
2. **McCarthy, Charlie** dummy who is impertinent toward master, Edgar Bergen. [Radio: "The Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy Show" in Buxton, 76-77]
3. **Pierce, Hawkeye** wisecracking medic with an insult for everyone. [TV: "M\*A\*S\*H" in Terrace, II, 71-72]
4. **Squirrel Nutkin** protagonist of Beatrix Potter tale for children (1903); impertinent and disrespectful to Old Brown Owl, he nearly loses his life. [Br. Children's Lit.: *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin*]

**Impetuousness (See RASHNESS.)**

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