Allusions in Song of Solomon

1. Locate in the text
2. Summarize the scene
3. Describe the allusion
4. Analyze the word choice in 1 specific text example.
5. Explain how the allusion relates to the meaning of the work as a whole. Why does Morrison choose this allusion?

Biblical References

* Old Testament, *Song of Songs* (referenced through the novel’s title)
* Reba (throughout)
* Pilate (throughout)
* Hagar (throughout)
* First Corinthians (throughout)
* Magdalene called Lena (throughout)
* Ruth (throughout)
* Solomon (throughout)
* Jake/Jacob (throughout)

Mythological and Folklore References

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* Circe (throughout)
* Rumplestiltskin (1.1.13)
* Hansel and Gretel (2.10.1)
* Jack and the Beanstalk

Historical References

* Abraham Lincoln (1.2.159)
* Malcolm X (1.6.108)
* General Robert E. Lee (1.2.159)
* Mary Todd (1.2.159)
* Ulysses S. Grant (1.2.159)
* Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1.3.75)
* Emmett Till (1.3.78-82)
* John F. Kennedy (1.4.157; 2.10.50)
* Winnie Ruth Judd (1.4.75)jkl;