

ALLUSION IN ELF

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Essential Questions:

1. How does *Elf* (2003) allude to *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* (1964)?
2. How do the allusions make the film more entertaining?

Allusions are references to well-known people, places, events, or literary works. When authors use allusions, they expect the reader to possess enough knowledge to spot the allusion and grasp its importance in a text.

Example:

"Chocolate was Wanda's Achilles' heel."

Achilles is a figure from Greek mythology. He could not be wounded anywhere on his body except his heel.



Explanation:

By understanding the reference to Achilles, the reader understands that chocolate was Wanda's only weakness.

Notes on Allusions

***Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* Notes**

- What is the setting (location, time of year)?
- What characters are introduced?
- What is the style? (e.g., live action vs. animation)
- What kinds of costumes do characters wear?







***Elf* Notes**

- How does *Elf* allude to the setting of *Rudolph*?
- How does *Elf* allude to characters in *Rudolph*?
- How does *Elf* allude to the style of *Rudolph*?
- How does *Elf* allude to the costumes in *Rudolph*?



SUPPORT YOUR CLAIM!

Directions: Fill in the graphic organizer below to write a CER (Claim-Evidence-Reasoning) paragraph supporting your claim about how *Elf* alludes to *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

<p>Questions: How does <i>Elf</i> allude to <i>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</i>, and how do the allusions make the film more entertaining?</p>	
<p>Claim: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the film titles. • Restate the question. • Answer the question. 	<p>The movie <u>Elf</u> (2003), starring Will Ferrell, alludes to the film <u>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</u> (1964) through its use of _____ and _____.</p> <p>The allusions make the film more entertaining by...</p> <p>(Think about how the allusions contribute to the film's humor and create a sense of childhood nostalgia.)</p>
<p>Evidence: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce your evidence from the films. 	<p>One example of allusion occurs when...</p>
<p>Reasoning: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a sentence that tells how the evidence supports your claim. 	<p>The effect of this reference is...</p> <p>(How does the allusion make the film funnier?)</p>
<p>Evidence: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce your evidence from the films. 	<p>Another example of allusion is...</p>
<p>Reasoning: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a sentence that tells how the evidence supports your claim. 	<p>The effect of this reference is...</p> <p>(How does the allusion contribute to a sense of childhood nostalgia?)</p>
<p>Claim: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restate your claim. 	<p>Thus, through its use of _____ and _____, <u>Elf</u> alludes to <u>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</u> to increase its entertainment value.</p>



WRITE YOUR PARAGRAPH!

Directions: Use your graphic organizer to write a CER paragraph on the lines below about how *Elf* alludes to *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

