

Both Part I and Part II should be typed, printed, and brought on the first day of school.

### Part I: Allusions Packet

Write a fairly detailed description and explanation of the stories involved with the following names, locations, events, etc. Then, in one sentence, explain the overall image or idea that one should understand in regards to each allusion. In other words, what usually is being conveyed when the allusion is used in literature, film, etc.? (i.e. what purpose does it serve?) Although the description of the allusion can come from other sources, the purpose sentence should be your own. This packet will be submitted to Turnitin.com the first week of school.

**Example:** (Please follow this format)

BIG BROTHER – Term from the novel *1984* by George Orwell, published in 1949. The novel depicts the horrors of totalitarian society where Big Brother, the spying government who can see into each person's home and monitor all activities, is always watching. Big Brother creates propaganda campaigns where truths are twisted to mean their opposites, language is redefined, and history is edited to serve the state. Individuality counts for nothing and total compliance to Big Brother's watching eyes is expected.

Purpose: The term Big Brother is used to suggest a condition where a person (or group of people) is being watched closely.

#### Literature ▪ Art ▪ Philosophy ▪ History

Attila  
Big Brother  
Don Juan  
Don Quixote  
Faustian bargain  
Machiavelli  
Mephistopheles  
Nirvana  
*Paradise Lost*  
Pyrrhic victory  
Quest for the Holy Grail  
Waterloo

#### Mythology

Achilles  
Aeneas  
Atlas  
Dionysus or Bacchus  
Daedalus and Icarus  
Medusa and Perseus  
Narcissus  
Oedipus  
Pandora's Box  
Phoenix  
Prometheus  
Romulus and Remus  
Sisyphus  
Theseus and the Minotaur  
Twelve Labors of Hercules/Herakles

#### Biblical/Religious

Armageddon  
Cain and Abel  
David and Goliath  
Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse  
Garden of Eden  
Garden of Gethsemane  
Jezebel  
Job  
Judas  
"Lamb to slaughter"  
The Last Supper  
Lazarus  
Mecca  
Original Sin and the Fall  
Pontius Pilate  
The Prodigal Son  
Sodom and Gomorrah  
Tower of Babel

**Part II: Read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini**

Complete a major works data sheet (MWDS) and be prepared to take an assessment during the first week of school. The Major Works Data Sheet may be found on the webpages of Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Towey, and Mrs. Fulton. The writing on this document should be your own work and will be submitted to Turnitin.com during the first week of school.

