

“EMPIRE STATE OF MIND”

Goals:

1. to be able to identify examples of allusion and metaphor in a piece of writing
2. to understand how writers use allusion and metaphor to enrich the meaning of their writing

Metaphor: when a comparison is made between two different things that actually have something in common.

Examples: *My heart is a stone, now that you have betrayed me.*

The baseball, a rocket, soared through the air and over the fence.

Allusion: a reference to a well known person, place, or event in literature.

Examples: *His muscles were Herculean, so he could bench 250 lbs.*

This place is my Garden of Eden, my sanctuary.

Task: As you read the lyrics and listen to the recording, think about the writer’s use of metaphor and allusion, and how the use of these devices enriches the meaning of the song. Indicate for each verse, and the chorus, any examples you are able to find. Where possible, explain what the metaphor or allusion means.

Verse One:

Metaphors/Allusions:	Meaning:
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Chorus:

Metaphors/Allusions:	Meaning:
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Verse Two:

Metaphors/Allusions:	Meaning:
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Verse Three:

Metaphors/Allusions:	Meaning:
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