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Superstition and Lyrics

Directions: In "Superstition," underline all the references to superstitions you can find. Then answer the questions below.

"Superstition" by Stevie Wonder

Very superstitious, writings on the wall
Very superstitious, ladders 'bout to fall
Thirteen month old baby, broke the lookin' glass
Seven years of bad luck, the good things in your past
When you believe in things that you don't understand
Then you suffer
Superstition ain't the way
Very superstitious, wash your face and hands
Rid me of the problems, do all that you can
Keep me in a daydream, keep me goin' strong
You don't want to save me, sad is my song
When you believe in things you don't understand
Then you suffer
Superstition ain't the way, yeah, yeah
Very superstitious, nothin' more to say
Very superstitious, the devil's on his way
Thirteen month old baby, broke the lookin' glass
Seven years of bad luck, good things in your past
When you believe in things that you don't understand
Then you suffer
Superstition ain't the way, no, no, no

Questions:

1. What is an allusion?
2. Why do authors use allusions? What's the point of using an allusion?

“Look What You Made Me Do” by Taylor Swift

1. What does the first scene in the graveyard allude to?
2. If you didn't know this reference, what would you need to do to gain that background information?
3. List the examples we stop and talk about. What's the reference?
4. What does knowing the reference add to your understanding of the music videos?
5. What other allusions did you notice or know about in “Look What You Made Me Do”?