**Allusions in Persepolis**

**Persepolis :**

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**Allusion :**

Allusion Allusion is a brief reference to a person, event, or place, real or ficticious, or to a work of art. Casual reference to a famous historical or literary figure or event. An allusion may be drawn from history, geography, literature, or religion.

**Islamic Revolution :**

Islamic Revolution The Islamic Revolution refers to events involving the overthrow of Iran's monarchy (Pahlavi dynasty) under Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and its replacement with an Islamic republic under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of the revolution.

**Capitalism :**

Capitalism an economic system in which the means of production and distribution and industry are privately owned and operated for a private profit;

**Avant-garde :**

Avant-garde experimental or innovative

**Prophet :**

Prophet an individual who is claimed to have been contacted by the supernatural or the divine, and serves as an intermediary with humanity, delivering this newfound knowledge from the supernatural entity to other people

**Zarathustra :**

Zarathustra an ancient Iranian prophet and philosopher

**Norouz :**

Norouz traditional celebration of the ancient Iranian New Year

**Che Guevara :**

Che Guevara major figure of the Cuban Revolution

**Fidel Castro :**

Fidel Castro One of the primary leaders of the Cuban Revolution

**Leon Trotsky :**

Leon Trotsky He was one of the leaders of the Russian October Revolution

**Palestine :**

Palestine an area that today includes Israel and the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories, as well as part of Jordan, and some of both Lebanon and Syria.

**Marx :**

Marx a German philosopher, political economist, historian, political theorist, sociologist, communist, and revolutionary, whose ideas played a significant role in the development of modern communism

**Descartes :**

Descartes one of the key figures in the Scientific Revolution the "Father of Modern Philosophy"

**BBC :**

BBC British Broadcasting Corporation Largest broadcaster in the world

**a Shah :**

a Shah the title of Iranian kings

**Gandhi :**

Gandhi the political and spiritual leader of India during the Indian independence movement Making a statement with nonviolence

**Ataturk :**

Ataturk a Turkish army officer, revolutionary statesman, writer, and founder of the Republic of Turkey, as well as the first Turkish President

**Bulsheviks :**

Bulsheviks A political group that eventually became the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Russia)

**Persia :**

Persia What is now called Iran

**Communism :**

Communism movement that aims for a classless society structured upon communal ownership of the means of production and the end of wage labor and private property

**Cyrus the Great :**

Cyrus the Great the founder of the Persian Empire

**Charles Dickens :**

Charles Dickens Novelist Memorable characters Scrooge Tiny Tim Ghost of Christmas past (where would Matthew McConaughey’s Ghost of Girlfriend’s past be without him?!)

**Freemason :**

Freemason a fraternal organization that arose from obscure origins in the late 16th to early 17th century

**Jimmy Carter :**

Jimmy Carter 39th president of the United States

**CIA :**

CIA Central Intelligence Agency agency of the United States government responsible for providing national security intelligence to senior United States policymakers

**Alborz Mountains :**

Alborz Mountains A mountain chain in northern Iran

**Leningrad :**

Leningrad A city in Russia that is now called Saint Petersburg

**Bruce Lee :**

Bruce Lee He is considered one of the most influential martial artists of the 20th century, and a cultural icon Much more intense than Chuck Norris (if you can believe it)

**James Bond :**

James Bond A fictional spy character Originally found in a book series Eventually found his cultural influence to look like this guy 

**Marie Curie :**

Marie Curie a physicist and chemist of Polish upbringing and subsequent French citizenship a pioneer in the field of radioactivity and the first person honored with two Nobel Prizes

**Star Wars :**

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**Rod Stewart :**

Rod Stewart Justin Beiber in 40 years Born in 1945 (yup.. He’s 65, looks good, right?) Has 7 children (8th due next year)

**Red Crescent :**

Red Crescent An allusion to the Red Cross organization

**Malcolm X :**

Malcolm X was an African-American Muslim minister, public speaker, and human rights activist

**Stevie Wonder, BeeGees, ABBA, Yazou, Julio Inglesias, Pink Floyd :**

Stevie Wonder, BeeGees, ABBA, Yazou, Julio Inglesias, Pink Floyd Musical Artists

**Kim Wilde :**

Kim Wilde English pop singer Most famous for the song “Kids in America”

**Michael Jackson :**

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