

ELEMENTS OF SATIRE!

English 12

ELEMENTS OF SATIRE

- ◎ You'll need the information on the following slides to do well on the first quiz.
- ◎ You'll need this information to help you understand our unit text *1984* by George Orwell.
- ◎ You will be asked to analyze our text and any supplemental reading as satire.

ELEMENTS OF SATIRE

- ◎ Before we get started, what do you think?
 - Your definition of satire?
 - An example of satire?

ELEMENTS OF SATIRE

◎ Formal definitions:

- A self-conscious medium, implying standards of civilized and moral rightness in the mind of the (author) and hence a desire on his or her part to instruct readers so as to reform their moral failings and absurdities.
- Use of irony, sarcasm, ridicule, or the like, in exposing, denouncing, or deriding vice, folly, etc.
- A literary composition, in verse or prose, in which human folly and vice are held up to scorn, derision, or ridicule
- A literary genre comprising of such composition s

Purpose is for social criticism using wit

Emphasizes weakness more than the weak person

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◎ Strict satire 1590-1625

- In the Roman style - attack on social forms and corruptions of the time
 - John Donne, Ben Johnson, Alexander Pope, Samuel Johnson

◎ Comedy of Humors / Comedy of Manners 1600-1800:

- Mocks on particular aspect of a person; caricature
- [http://www3.dbu.edu/mitchell/comedydi.htm#Comedy%20of%20Humours:](http://www3.dbu.edu/mitchell/comedydi.htm#Comedy%20of%20Humours)
 - Ben Johnson, Congreve, Sheridan

◎ Parody and Irony 1600-1750

- Exaggeration, imitation of style, sarcasm, cynicism
 - Alexander Pope (The Rape of Lock), Ben Johnson, Congreve, Sheridan

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◉ Novelistic satire 18th-21st Century

- Peacock, Meredith, Huxley, Orwell, Vonnegut

TECHNIQUES OF SATIRE

⦿ Exaggeration

- To enlarge, increase, or represent something beyond normal bounds so that it becomes ridiculous and its faults can be seen. (like caricature)

⦿ Incongruity

- present things that are out of place or are absurd in relation to its surroundings.

TECHNIQUES OF SATIRE

⦿ Reversal

- To present the opposite of the normal order (e.g., the order of events, hierarchical order).

⦿ Parody

- To imitate the techniques and/or style of some person, place, or thing

⦿ Humor

- Exaggeration, burlesque, double entendre, irony

IRONY

◉ Verbal

- The actual stated meaning of the statement differs from the intended meaning.

◉ Dramatic

- When the true or intended meaning of the statement or situation is known to the audience but not the character(s) in the play.

◉ Situational:

- The difference between what is expected to happen and what actually happens.

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◎ Summary

- Self-conscious
- Implied standards of rightness
- Instructional , seeks to reform readers
- May include
 - Irony
 - Humor
 - Parody
 - Burlesque

ELEMENTS OF SATIRE

◎ Contemporary examples

- The Daily Show
- The Colbert Report
- The Onion
- The Simpsons
- Weird Al

EXAMPLES OF SARCASM

The Onion: <http://www.theonion.com/video/cias-facebook-program-dramatically-cut-agencys-cos,19753/>

The Simpsons

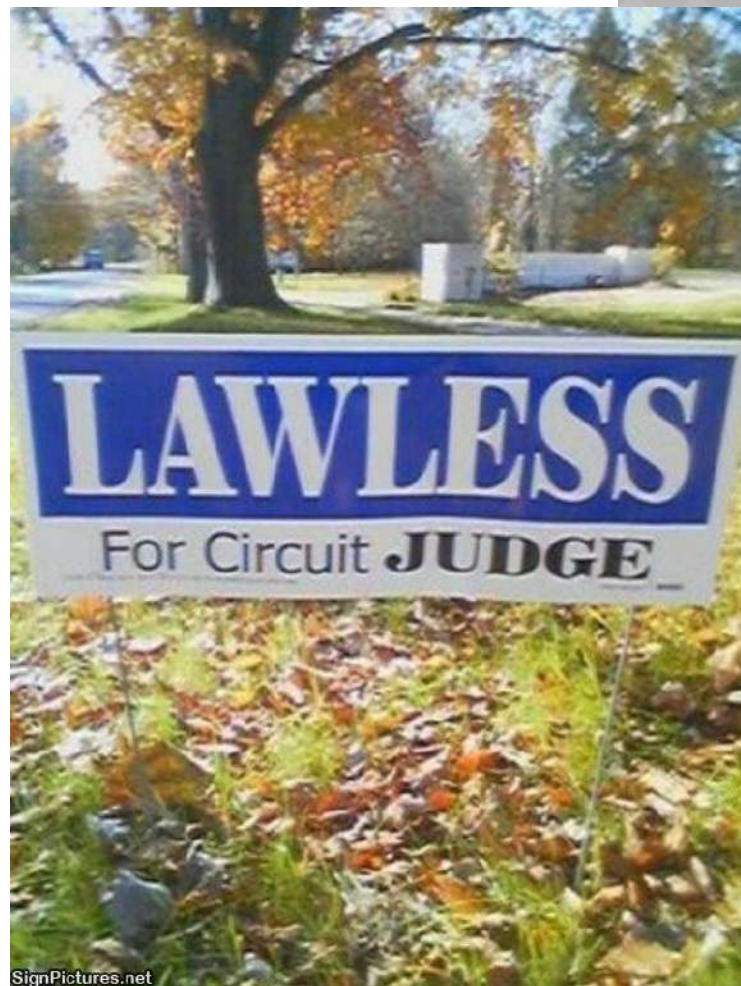
Family Guy

Grouch Marx

- “Marriage is the chief cause of divorce.”
- “I didn't like the play, but then I saw it under adverse conditions - the curtain was up.”
- “I never forget a face, but in your case I'll be glad to make an exception.” <http://www.yourdictionary.com/grammar/examples/satire-examples.html>

EXAMPLES OF IRONY







From *The Great Debaters*: “Tell me the irony in the name Bethlehem Steel Corporation.”

“Bethlehem is the birthplace of Christ, the Prince of Peace and Bethlehem Steel makes weapons of war.”