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Satire in “A Modest Proposal”

Remember, satire is always topical. What is the topic of this essay?

(Hint: It is NOT actually about eating babies.)

The author tries to produce the unexpected by using one or more of the following satirical devices. Select **three satirical devices** you see used in the essay. Explain what device is being used and provide a quote that supports your claim.

Irony Paradox Antithesis Parody Obscenity
Violence Vividness Exaggeration

Satirical Device/Explanation	Example from essay

Satire can take various forms: monologue, parody, narrative, visual art. Which form is “A Modest Proposal”? (Circle your answer).

Who is the **speaker**? _____

Who is the **audience** that the speaker is directly speaking to? _____

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In the chart below describe the problems the narrator in “A Modest Proposal” associates with each group listed. Explain the narrator’s solution to the problem. In the final column, describe the supposed “benefits” which will result from the implementation of this “modest proposal.”

Babies		
Problem:	Solution:	Benefits:

Children Ages 1 - 12		
Problem:	Solution:	Benefits:

Elderly, Maimed, or Ill		
Problem:	Solution:	Benefits: