



### Review Definition of Satire:

"a literary work holding up human vices and follies to ridicule or scorn" (Miriam-Webster)

*points out flaws*

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### Types of Satire

**Horatian:** gentle, sympathetic form of satire. Mildly mocks the subject. The audience is asked to laugh at themselves as much as the players.



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**Juvenalian:** harsh and bitter satire  
Stated without irony or sarcasm  
Do not have to figure out what the satirist is trying to say  
Examples: Bill Maher & Chris Rock



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### Devices Commonly Used in Satire:

- Verbal Irony (essential in satire)
- Hyperbole
- Litotes
- Innuendo
- Double-meanings
- Simile and Metaphor
- Oxymoron



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## Let's Review...



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## Satire's Less Serious Cousin:

### Parody

"a literary or musical work in which the style of an author or work is closely imitated for comic effect or in ridicule" (Miriam-Webster)



Parody is especially popular in **music** and **movies**.

Tenacious D (some songs parody other artists)  
Weird Al

Mel Brooks' movies: Blazing Saddles, Space Balls, Robin Hood: Men in Tights, etc.

Note: Some works are both parody and satire.

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## THE NEW FAD IN SATIRE: NEWS SATIRE!

Often called "fake news," News Satire imitates the style of popular news shows, newspapers, etc., thus making it parody. News Satire also often makes social commentary, thus making it satirical, too.

Examples:

"The Daily Show with Jon Stewart"

"The Colbert Report"

The Onion

Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update"



The Daily Show

The Onion Radio News

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## Is This Satire? How do I know?

- If you can figure out the speaker's true purpose, then you will be able to determine whether the piece is satirical
- Remember that a speaker's persona may be different than his/her true self
- If you are reading something that seems too outrageous to be true, it may be satirical
- Watch for the common rhetorical devices, especially irony

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## Indirect Satire

Uses fictional characters to represent particular points of view. These characters are made ridiculous through their own actions or through the narrator's commentary about them (i.e. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn)

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## Attachments

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[The UVic Writer's Guide Satire.htm](#)

[The Purpose and Method of Satire.htm](#)

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