

# education

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How is it that we often find humor in the bleakest circumstances?

Satire: Criticism of some element of human nature through wit or humor.

1.) What is humor? What makes something funny?

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2.) Why do some people laugh when they are uncomfortable? What are the benefits of using humor to discuss difficult topics? Downfalls?

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3.) Make a list of plays, books, movies or TV shows you know that discuss difficult topics in a comedic manner.

Examples:

Racism – *The Dave Chappelle Show*

Prejudice – *True Blood*

Dangers of a life of Crime – *Weeds*

Inability to Communicate – *The Marriage of Bette and Boo*

Governmental Errors – *The Daily Show/ The Colbert Report*

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