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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?

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

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*
