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a Modest Proposal

Jonathan Swift
- a study in satire -

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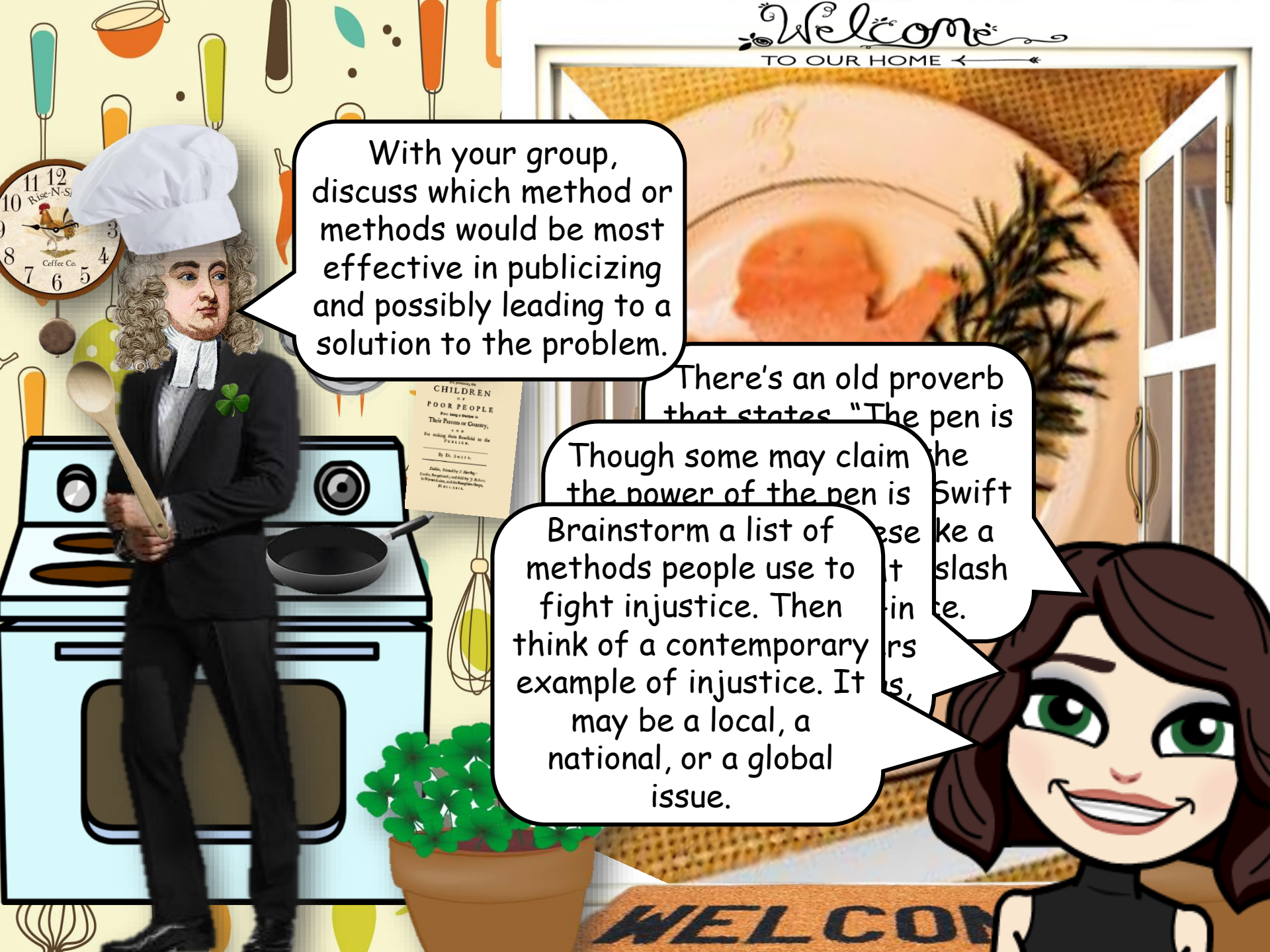
With your group, discuss which method or methods would be most effective in publicizing and possibly leading to a solution to the problem.

There's an old proverb that states "The pen is

Though some may claim the power of the pen is Swift Brainstorm a list of methods people use to fight injustice. Then think of a contemporary example of injustice. It may be a local, a national, or a global issue.

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CHILDREN OF POOR PEOPLE
For their Sins to Their Parents or Country,
OR
For making them Beneficial to the PUBLIC.
By DR. SWIFT.



Welcome
to me
country,
lads!

IRELAND



U2 could
learn to
love my
country!

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A MODEST PROPOSAL
 for the relief of the
 CHILDREN
 OF
 POOR PEOPLE
 who have a turn in
 Their Parents or Country,
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 for making them Beneficial to the
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| Cornell Notes | |
| Teacher: <u>Chaney</u> | Topic: <u>The Enlightenment Period and A Modest Proposal</u> |
| Class: <u>English IV</u> | Unit: <u>Jonathan Swift & Satire</u> Date: _____ |
| Essential Question: How can we fight injustice? | |
| Main Ideas/Key Points: | Notes: |
| <u>Ireland, 1700's</u> | Widespread _____ in Ireland due to the British's approach to dealing with their northern subjects, The Irish. Jonathan Swift sought to draw attention to the plight of his kinsmen, so he wrote a satirical _____ that shocked the Brits. |
| <u>The World, 1700s</u> | England and Scotland united to create _____ British Imperialism spread (to India). The American Revolution. The Irish Potato Famine. |
| <u>The Enlightenment Period</u> | Valued reason over _____ Valued logic over _____ (much different from The Restoration). |
| <u>Satire</u> | Criticism that desires to bring about _____ Swift wished to highlight the problems of the Irish poor. |
| <u>Jonathan Swift</u> | Critical of the British government. Took delight in revolting ideas that others would not approach. |
| <u>More Notes</u> | |
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| <u>Summary:</u> | |
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WELCOME

A composite image with a yellow and black border. On the left is a statue of a famine-era figure, a man in a dark, hooded coat with a pale, gaunt face and dark, sunken eyes. In the foreground, a burlap sack is overflowing with golden-yellow potatoes, with several more scattered on a patch of green grass. On the right, a vintage wooden camera with brass accents sits on a tripod. Behind the camera, a man with long, curly grey hair, wearing a dark suit and a white cravat, stands with his arms crossed. The background is a blurred, rocky landscape.

Ireland has a very bleak history, though.

Say "Cheese!"

I will show you a glimpse of Ireland's sorrow...

Cheesy Potatoes!

The feeling was mutual: Swift was no fan of the English rule, as he made abundantly clear in a series of political pamphlets.

Although he spent plenty of time gallivanting around the London literary scene with buddies Joseph Addison, Alexander Pope, and John Gay...

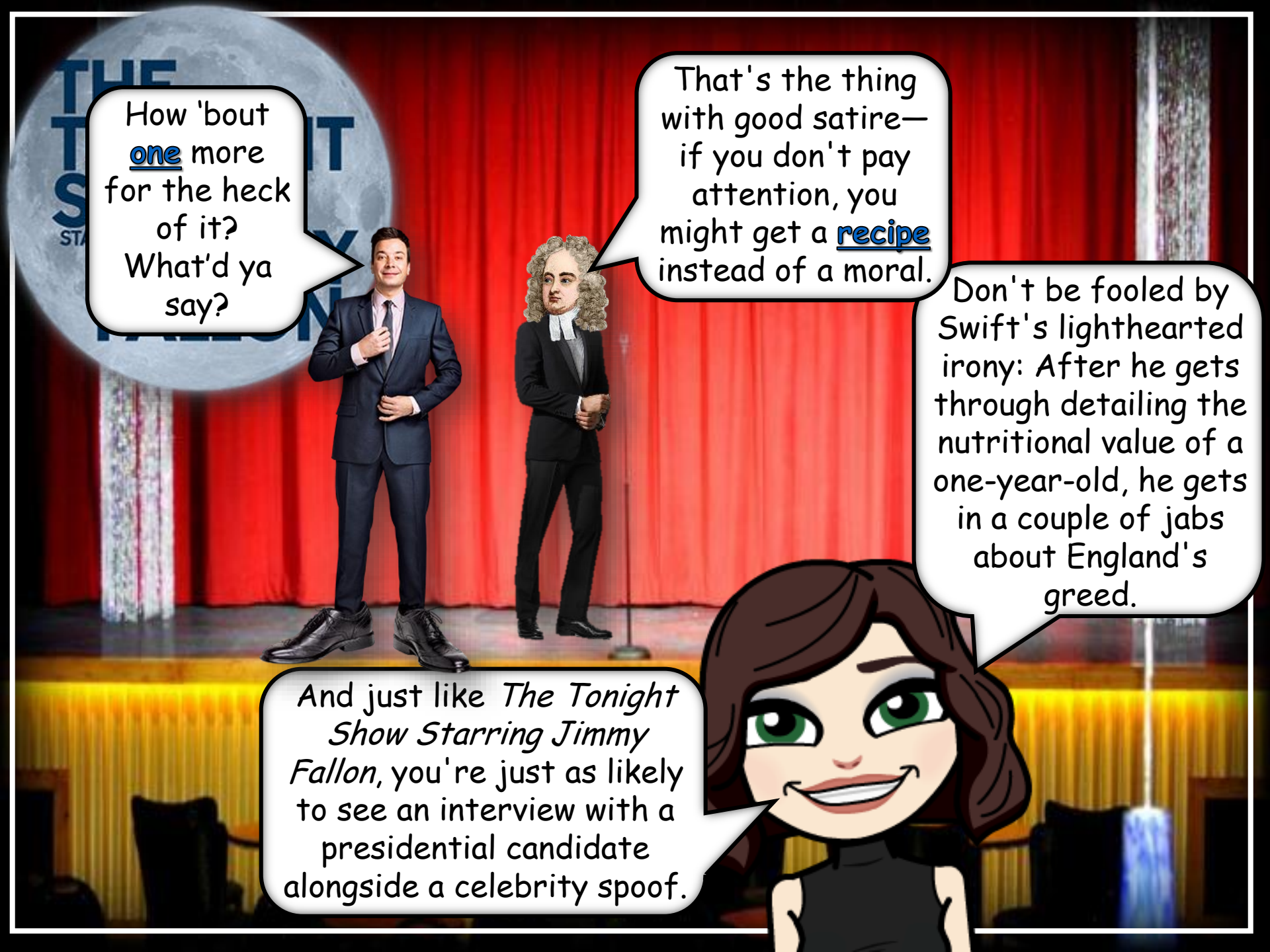
In short, he was a crotchety guy who was often accused of hating on just about everybody.

Despite occasionally trashing his stomping grounds, Swift was equally critical of the British.

Then, we should be friends!

...he was a reluctant Irishman who made his home in "wretched Dublin in miserable Ireland."





How 'bout one more for the heck of it? What'd ya say?

That's the thing with good satire— if you don't pay attention, you might get a recipe instead of a moral.

Don't be fooled by Swift's lighthearted irony: After he gets through detailing the nutritional value of a one-year-old, he gets in a couple of jabs about England's greed.

And just like *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, you're just as likely to see an interview with a presidential candidate alongside a celebrity spoof.



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What is satire?

Verbal Irony

What verbal irony does Swift use in each of the parts of "A Modest Proposal"?

Verbal Irony

Instead of directly addressing the injustice and flawed thinking that uses irony indirectly, you draw each of the

Evaluate

Context

The 18th century is often called the **Age of Reason** because **advances in science and technology fueled belief that governments could apply rational thought to solve many social problems.** Swift, a traditionalist, was often skeptical of new ideas. In what ways does "A Modest Proposal" reflect this attitude?

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