



This is a great lesson for English Language arts

Introduce students to the concepts of sarcasm, irony, parody, and satire. This lesson can be used prior to teaching longer, more complex short stories, poems, viewing films, creative writing, novel studies.

Includes:

**\*\*ZIP FILE\*\***

*Is That Sarcasm?* PDF file for the Projector/Smart board (internet required)

PDF includes 6 Youtube Links for viewing short clips with your students

(ALL video clips are highly appropriate and fun for 9-12 grade).

SARCASM sign printable

Venn diagram printable for Parody

Irony chart Printable

Satire Chart Printable

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# "Is That Sarcasm? Yes, Sheldon It Is!"

## "How Ironic! Parody? Satire?"

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Anticipatory set:

Watch short clips from the television shows, *The Big Bang Theory* and *The Simpsons* to reinforce the literary devices sarcasm and satire. Watch short clips to introduce parody. Teacher asks students for other examples of sarcasm, satire, irony, and parody in contemporary culture.

Grades 9-12 English Language Arts

Learning outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Discriminate between the 3 types of irony: verbal, situational and dramatic.
- Discriminate between Parody and Sarcasm.
- Identify Satirical language
- Determine the purpose of the irony: humor, fear, suspense, etc.
- Identify the situational irony in the selection and the purpose.
- Compare to performances to determine the use of parody
- Identify sarcastic language used for a humorous dramatic effect

Time required for lesson 2-3 class sessions

## Materials/resources

- *Is That Sarcasm?* PDF file for the Projector/Smart board (internet required)
- Blank paper to make the SARCASM sign or print the one included in lesson pack
- Venn diagram handout for Parody
- Irony chart handout

## Technology resources

- Internet ([YouTube](#))
- Smart board or Projector hooked up to computer
- PDF must be opened with Adobe Reader. Can be used on a tablet (iPad, kindle, Nexus, etc.)

## Activities

1. Begin by defining sarcasm for the students. Use the PDF file included in the pack on the smart board or projector. Use this as your hook. Talk about sarcastic remarks. Use some of your own. Talk about *The Big Bang Theory* / Sheldon. How he doesn't get sarcasm. (very funny). (5 minutes)
  - ✓ Distribute white paper and have students hold it landscape and write in big letters, SARCASM Optional: use the SARCASM sign printable included in the lesson pack.
  - ✓ View the first clip. Tell students to hold up their SARCASM sign every time they identify the use of sarcasm. If they have trouble, discuss it again, and then view it again.
  - ✓ Discuss, as a class. Use humor.
2. View 2<sup>nd</sup> clip. The same thing. Students will use their SARCASM signs every time they identify sarcasm. Funny clip.
3. Read through the next page with "*More Sarcasm From our Favorite Scientists...*" Have students read aloud.
4. Divide students into pairs. Go through the next slide Introducing Satire. Pass out the Satire Chart printable.
  - ✓ View the 2 clips, "*The Simpsons*, "*Satire in the classroom*"

- ✓ Students will fill in every example of satire they can identify in the clips. You will most likely show them more than once.

5. Move onto IRONY slide. The worksheet/ chart is included in the slide.

- ✓ Give students the worksheet.
- ✓ Go over the three types on irony.
- ✓ Pair Work...Fill in the chart applying the three types of irony.
- ✓ Instruct students to write 3 more examples of irony using the 3 types. Examples must be original.
- ✓ Have students read their own aloud
- ✓ The students in the class should identify the types of irony being used.

### Assessment

Teacher may use any or all of the following:

- Satire Chart (collected)
- Parody Venn Diagram (collected)
- Irony Chart (collected)
- Written: 3 Original Irony Examples
- Observation of Think/Pair/Share.

### ELA Common Core Standards Covered

#### Grade 9-10

RL.9-10 Grade 9-10 Literature

RI.9-10 Grade 9-10 Informational Text

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#### Grade 11-12

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