

“Family Ties” Norms Scavenger Hunt

“Family Ties: aired from 1982-1989. The series reflected the move from the cultural liberalism of the 1960s and 1970s to the conservatism of the 1980s. Set during the early years of the Reagan administration, Elyse and Steven Keaton, are Baby Boomers, liberals and former hippies, raising their three children: Alex, Mallory, and Jennifer in suburban Columbus, Ohio. Much of the humor of the series centers on the cultural, generational divide between parents and children – as opposed to their ex-hippie parents, both Alex and Mallory embrace Reaganomics and conservative attitudes: Alex is a young Republican and Mallory a materialistic young woman (as opposed to her feminist mother.)

Directions: As you watch the following episode, pay attention and keep track of all the following “norms.” What does the episode communicate about what is “normal” for a family in the 1980s?

<u>Generational Norms (ADULTS)</u>	<u>Generational Norms (KIDS)</u>
<u>Gender Norms – Male/Female</u>	<u>Societal Norms</u>
<u>Morals/Values/Lessons: (Consider how they differ from one generation to the next.)</u>	

