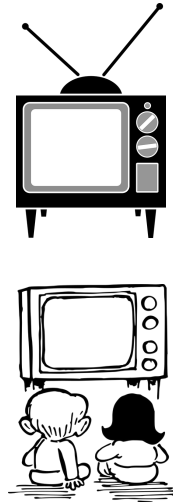


Influential TV Shows Project

Central Question

In what way is TV both a reflection of social change & a source of change for society?



Graded Components

- Project notes (10 pts)
- Episode analysis (10 pts)
- Finished slideshow (20 pts)
- Notes/feedback on classmates' projects (5 pts)

Assignment

You are going to research **ONE** of the influential tv shows & put together a presentation about your topic.

Would you rather...

Work
alone?

Work
with a
partner?

Work days

5 class
blocks

To do list

- Look over show options.
- Choose a show.
- Start your research.
- Find a minimum of 3 sources for notes.
- Watch episode & analyze
- Start & build a slideshow.

Sub-Topics



Changing representations of...

- Race/Ethnicity
- Sexuality & Gender
- Social Class
- Mental Health
- Disability



Satire & Sarcasm

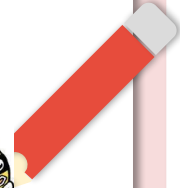
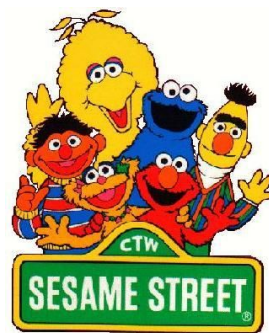


Do you have another idea for a show that isn't on the list? Suggest it!

Science Fiction



Children's TV





**Changing
Representations
of Race &
Ethnicity on
TV**

The Jeffersons

Movin' on up...

"We're moving on up, to the East Side, to a deee-luxe apartment in the sky ..."



This spinoff from "All in the Family" is about literal upward mobility - African- American couple George and Louise Jefferson move into a swanky high-rise building. George is an obstreperous, often rude guy who thinks his wealth should get him anywhere he wants to go. His wife is more levelheaded and often cuts him down to size when his schemes go awry.



hulu

Good Times

Hardworking, wisecracking family



Florida and James Evans struggle to raise their kids - irrepressible artist JJ, voice-of-reason Thelma, and politically active Michael - in a Chicago housing project. They have help from wisecracking neighbors, buffoonish building superintendents and friends.



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Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Will Smith in his breakout role...



Will Smith more or less plays himself in this good-natured NBC sitcom. As the show's popular theme song explains, fictional Will's mom sends him away from his rough Philadelphia neighborhood to live with wealthy Uncle Phil and Aunt Vivian in Bel-Air. Will often has fun at the expense of stuck-up cousins Carlton and Hilary.



HBO
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Atlanta



Atlanta is one of the top cities for young rappers looking to make a name for themselves in the business. Among those up-and-comers is

Alfred Miles, a hot new artist who is trying to understand the line between real life and street life. He is managed by his cousin, Earn, who gets caught up in the local rap scene and his cousin's career after returning home to the ATL. Earn does whatever he can to try to get Alfred's career to the next level. Darius, the rapper's right-hand man and visionary, is also in Alfred's entourage. When Earn isn't busy managing his cousin's career, he spends much of his time with best friend Vanessa, who is also the mother of his daughter.



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The Watchmen

Superheroes meet modern times



Watchmen is an American superhero drama limited series based on the 1986 DC Comics series. Based on a graphic novel, the "Watchmen" takes place in Tulsa, Okla., 34 years after the original story. After a white supremacist attack on the local police department, which leaves only two surviving cops on the beat, laws are passed that allow the cops to hide their identities behind masks. One of these cops, Angela Abar, adopts the identity of Sister Night and fights racists while dealing with the decades-long legacy of the vigilantes.



Kim's Convenience



Kim's Convenience tells the funny and heartfelt story of the Kim family. Mr. and Mrs. Kim are Korean-Canadian convenience store owners who have worked hard to give their now-20-something children, Janet and Jung, a better life in Canada. This single camera comedy finds laughter in the trials of running a literal 'Mom and Pop' shop while raising kids in a culture not quite your own.

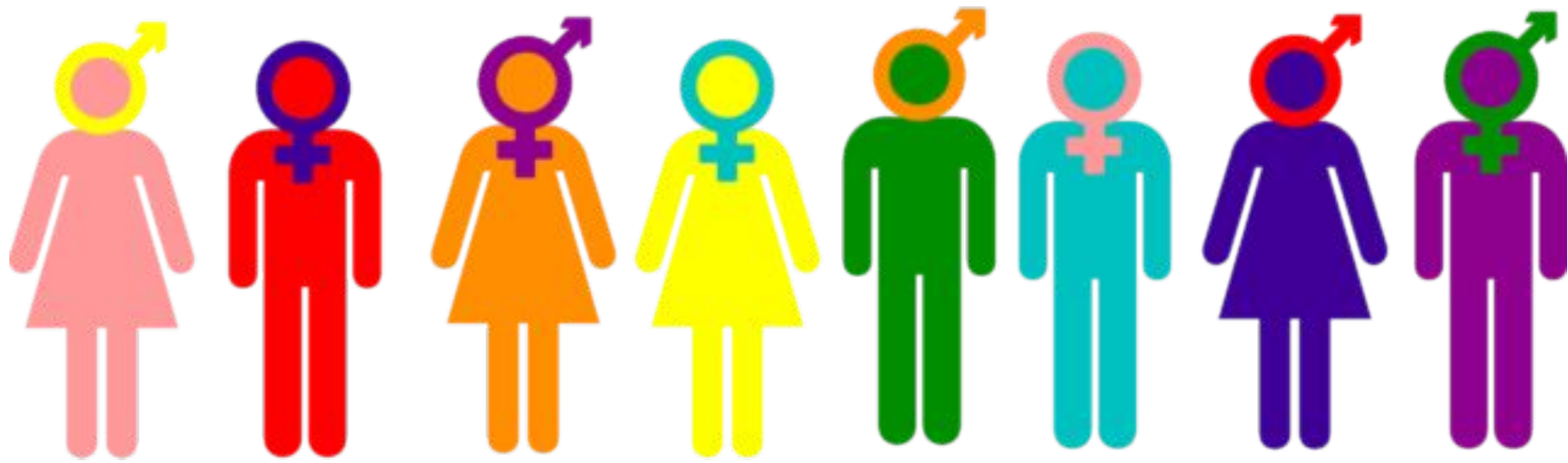


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Other options...

Oprah
The Mindy Project
Blackish
Jane the Virgin
One Day at a Time
Euphoria
Never Have I Ever
Ginny & Georgia
Gentefied
All American
Rutherford Falls
Swagger

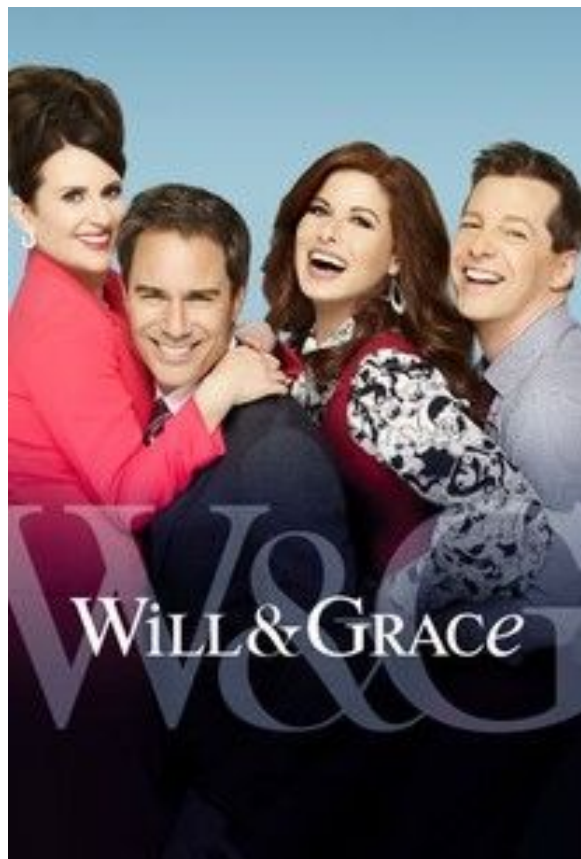




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Will & Grace

Then and now...



In the original 8-season run of this groundbreaking sitcom, best friends Will, a meticulous corporate lawyer, and Grace, a neurotic interior decorator, share a New York apartment after Grace leaves her fiancé at the altar. Will and Grace, along with their pals Karen, an outspoken socialite, and Jack, a free-spirited actor, face the highs and lows of life in Manhattan together. From sex, dating and divorce to cutting cultural commentary, nothing's off limits -- and all is fair game -- in this Emmy-winning comedy.



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Ellen (sitcom & talk show)

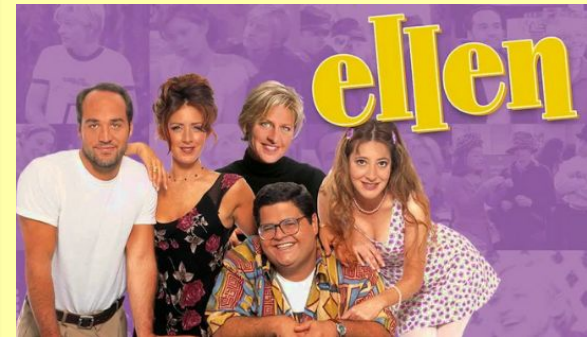
Did you know Ellen had a sitcom?

Ellen (sitcom)

Ellen works in a Los Angeles bookstore called Buy the Book and hangs around with her friends discussing lovers, work and family. The show came under controversy during the fourth season when the title character came out as a lesbian, shortly after Ellen DeGeneres did the same in real life.

The Ellen DeGeneres Show

This talk-variety show features Ellen DeGeneres in the studio performing an opening monologue and interviewing guests who include celebrities, newsmakers and ordinary people with extraordinary talents. Segments also include performances from top music acts, audience participation and man-on-the-street interviews.



Pose



'Pose' is an American drama tv series about New York City's African-American and Latino LGBTQ and gender-nonconforming drag ball culture scene in the 1980s and, in the second season, early 1990s. A dance musical that explores the juxtaposition of the ball culture world, the rise of the luxury Trump-era universe, and the downtown social and literary scene.



The Mary Tyler Moore Show

Women at work...



Mary Richards is a 30-something single woman who settles in Minneapolis after breaking up with a boyfriend. She lands a job as an associate producer of the evening news at WJM-TV, which happens to be the area's lowest-rated station. Her boss, Lou Grant, hates her spunk but often looks to her to solve newsroom (or even personal) problems. Mary's other coworkers are also central to the show.



hulu

Charlie's Angels



The show that ushered in the phrase "jiggle TV" features three beautiful police academy-trained private detectives whose cases always seem to require that they don bikinis, evening gowns or other sexy clothing. The unseen Charlie relays instructions via speakerphone.



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And other online
platforms...

Murphy Brown



Murphy Brown is one of tv's most honored journalists. Brilliant and persistent, Murphy is unafraid to ask tough questions of the mighty. She is also an unabashed liberal who is considered an enemy of George Bush's White House. Murphy works for "FYI", a Washington, D.C.-based network television newsmagazine series. A recovering alcoholic, Murphy returns from a stint at the Betty Ford rehabilitation center, free of booze and cigarettes, and correspondingly cranky. Her television show has a new producer, a whiz-kid half her age. She's also working with an airheaded ex-Miss America, a befuddled anchorman, and her best friend, a danger-loving gonzo reporter. Can Murphy Brown make a comeback to be the best in the business?

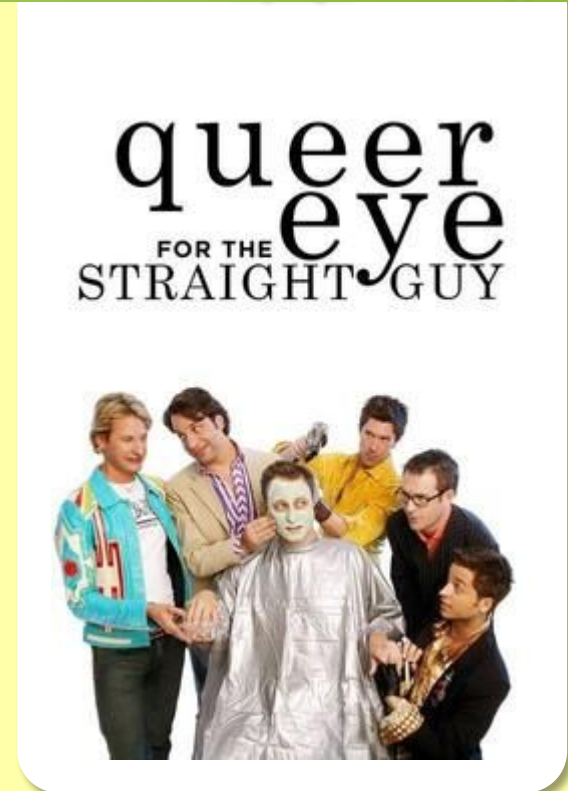


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Other options...

- Glee
- Queer Eye
- Love Victor
- Scandal
- The Politician
- Sex Education
- The Sex Lives of College Girls
- Heartstopper



AMERICAN CLASS SYSTEM



upper class

middle class

lower class

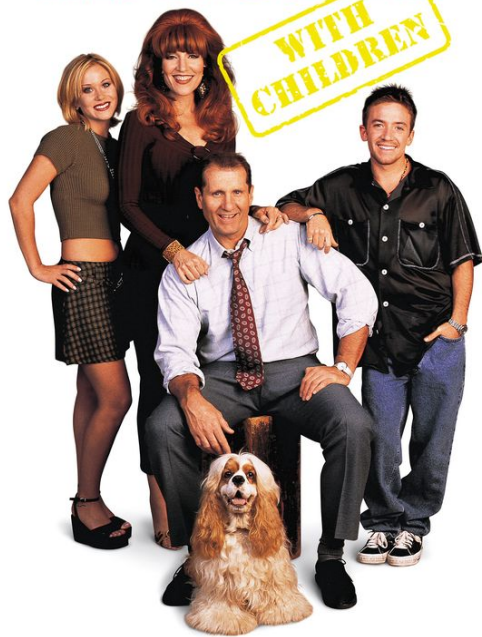
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on TV**

Married with Children



MARRIED

WITH CHILDREN



The antithesis of the loving "Cosby Show" family, "Married ... With Children" focused on the Bundys, a suburban Chicago family who would rather eat nails than say a kind word to one another. Al, the patriarch, is a misogynistic shoe salesman, whose wife, Peggy, is a housewife who does no work around the house. Saying their children, Kelly and Bud, do not have a lot going for them is an understatement. This biting comedy focuses on the couple's constant verbal sparring over their slacker kids, their lack of money, success and intimacy.



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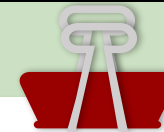
Roseanne

Then and now...

Explore life, death and everything in between through the relatable, hilarious and brutally honest lens of the working-class Conner household, which is located in the drab, fictional exurb of Langford, Ill. With the inimitable Roseanne Barr at its epicenter as the family's matriarch, the series tackles current issues with fresh stories and even



more laughs. Roseanne is joined by her husband, Dan, and their children, D.J., Darlene and Becky. Roseanne's warm, but neurotic, sister Jackie rounds out the core of the family.

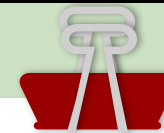


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Shameless

Oscar-nominated actor William H. Macy stars as Frank Gallagher, a single father of six who spends much of his free time drinking at bars. The Gallagher children -- led by oldest daughter Fiona (Emmy Rossum), who takes on much of the child-rearing responsibility due to her mother's absence -- manage to raise themselves in spite of Frank's lack of parenting and unusual parenting style when he does choose to act like a father. The drama is an adaptation of the BAFTA Award-winning British show of the same name.



You **Tube** TV



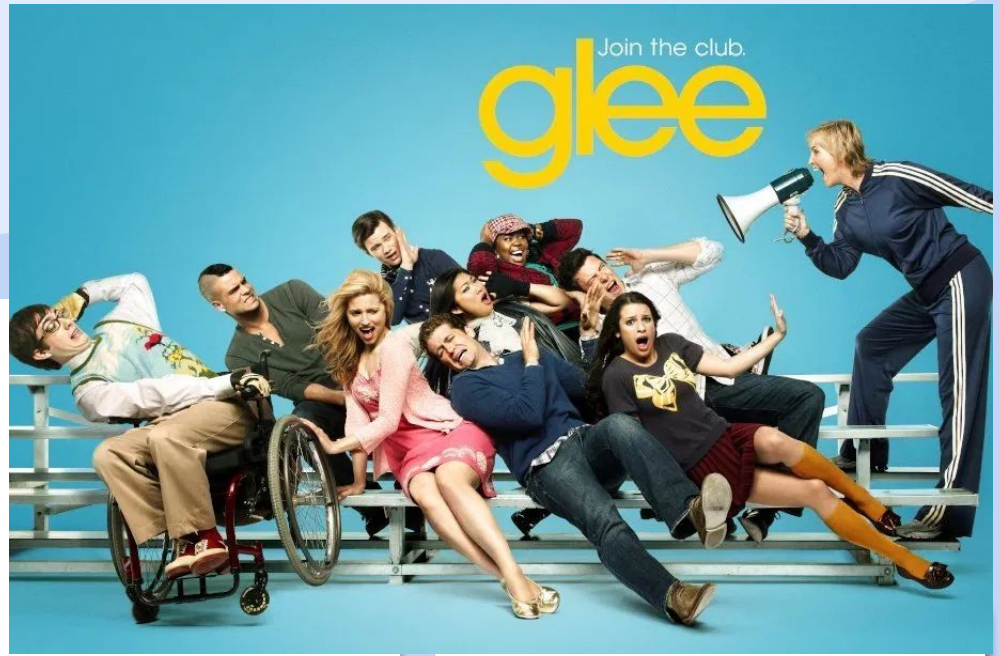
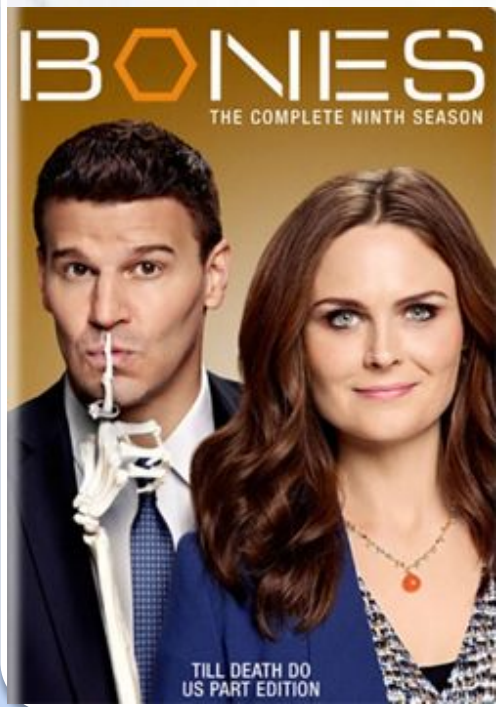
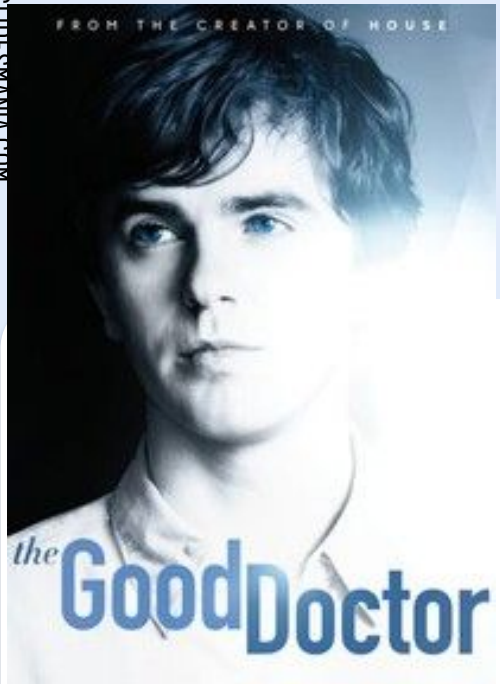


Changing Representations of Mental Health on TV

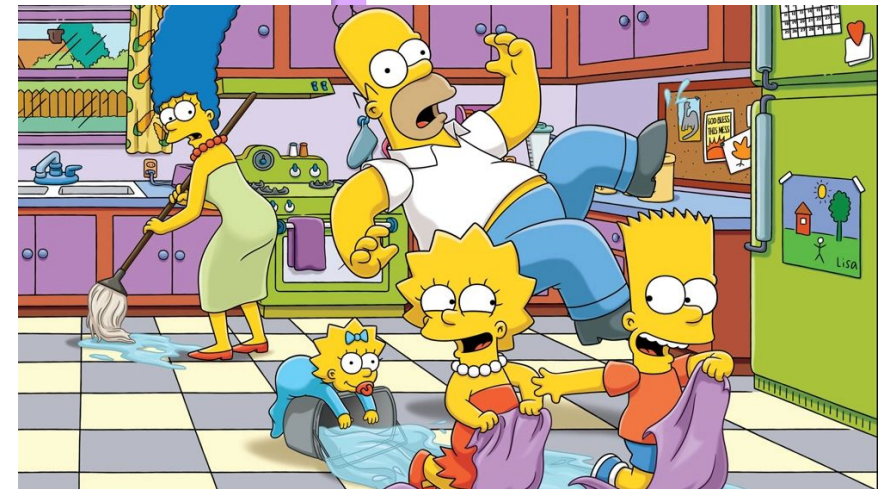
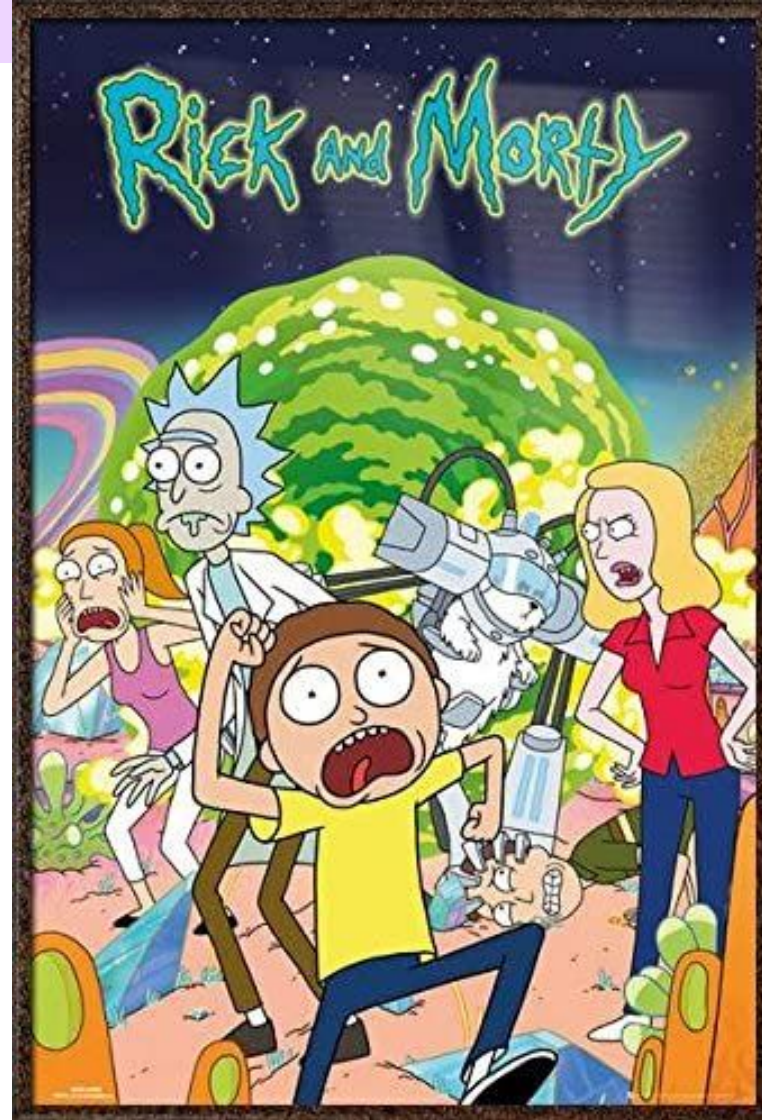




Changing Representations of Disability on TV



Satire & Sarcasm in Animated TV

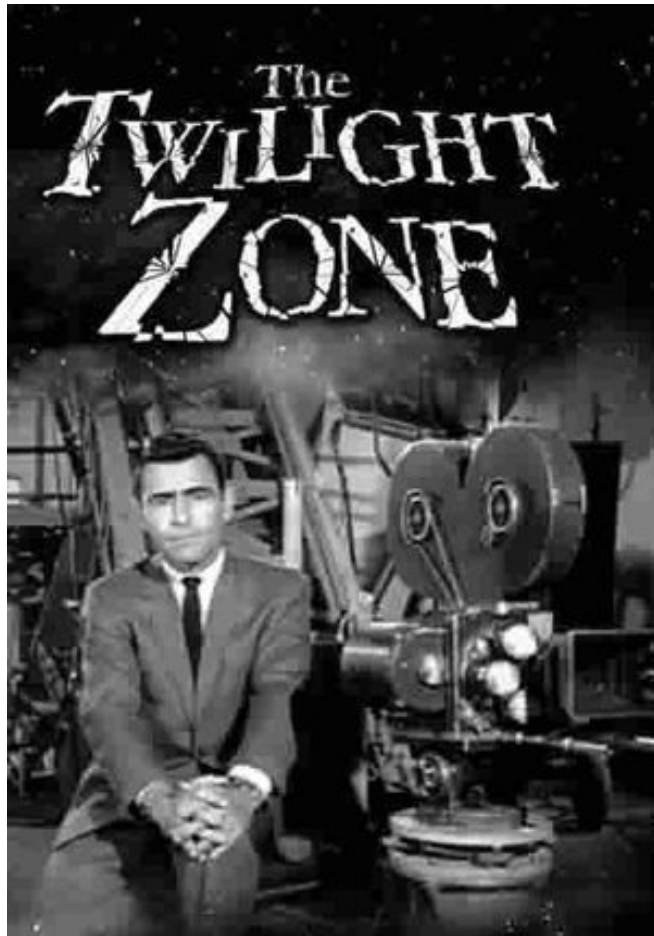




**Breaking
Boundaries
Through
Science
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Twilight Zone

You're now about to enter the
Twilight Zone...



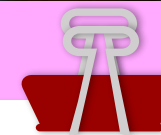
'The Twilight Zone' was the brainchild of Emmy Award-winner Rod Serling, who served as host and wrote more than 80 episodes of the original show's 150-plus episode run. It's a strange mix of horror, science-fiction, drama, comedy and superstition. Serling introduced each episode, and many of the black and white episodes concluded with a surprise ending.



Star Trek



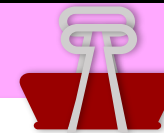
The iconic series "Star Trek" follows the crew of the starship USS Enterprise as it completes its missions in space in the 23rd century. Captain James T. Kirk -- along with half-human/half-Vulcan science officer Spock, ship Dr. "Bones" McCoy, Ensign Pavel Chekov, communications officer Lt. Nyota Uhura, helmsman Lt. Hikaru Sulu and chief engineer Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery "Scotty" Scott -- confront strange alien races, friendly and hostile alike, as they explore unknown worlds.



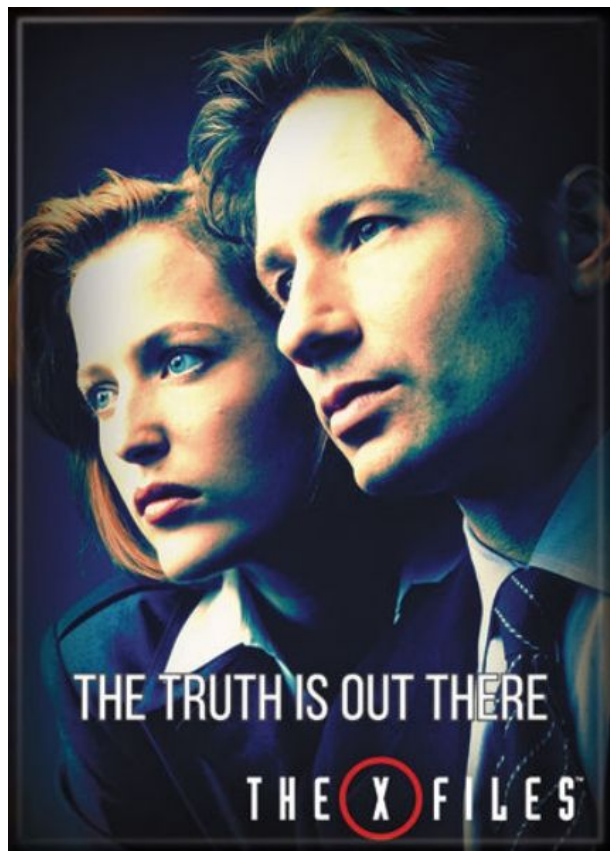
Buffy the Vampire Slayer



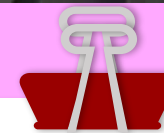
Sarah Michelle Gellar takes on the role of Buffy Summers.. Buffy is a Slayer, one in a long line of young women chosen for a specific mission: to seek out and destroy vampires, demons and other forces of darkness. Unlike her predecessors, Buffy establishes a group of supportive friends who aids her in her battles with evil, including Willow, Xander and Cordelia. Her battles with evil are frequent, since Sunnydale, where Buffy and friends live, sits atop a gateway to the realm of the demons.



X-Files



In one of the longest-running science fiction series in network TV history, FBI special agents investigate unexplained, mind-bending cases known as "X-Files." Though the government is convinced that the outlandish reports are false, conspiracy theorist Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and realist Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson), for most of the series, stop at nothing to prove that "the truth is out there." Series creator Chris Carter also serves as executive producer of the thrilling pop-culture phenomenon.



You **Tube** TV

The Walking Dead



Based on the comic book series written by Robert Kirkman, this gritty drama portrays life in the months and years that follow a zombie apocalypse. A group of survivors travel in search of safety and security, constantly on the move in search of a secure home. But the pressure each day to stay alive sends many in the group to the deepest depths of human cruelty, and they soon discover that the overwhelming fear of the survivors can be more deadly than the zombies walking among them. At times, the interpersonal conflicts present a greater threat to their continuing survival than the walkers that roam the country.



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American Horror Story

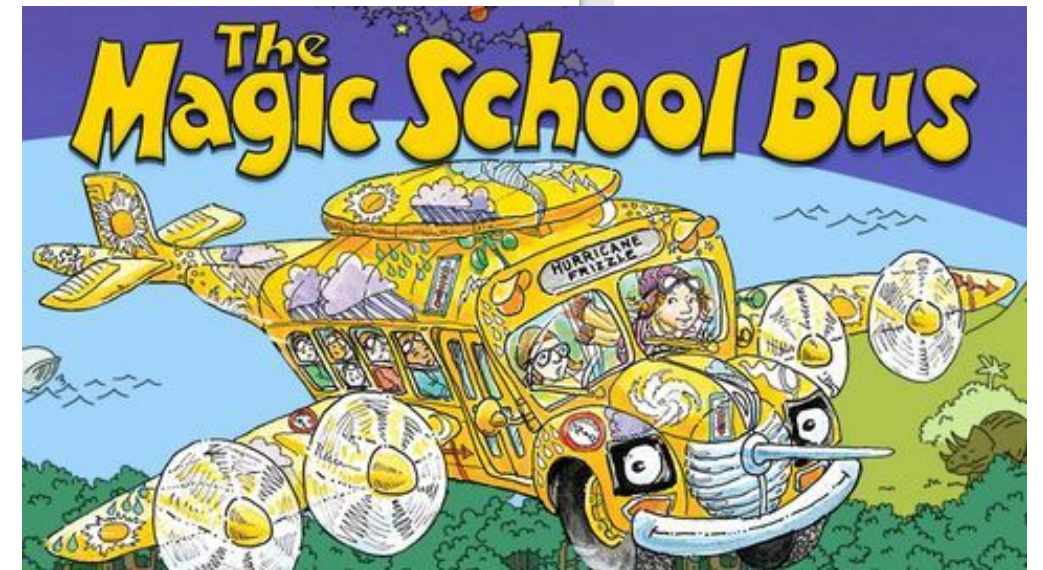
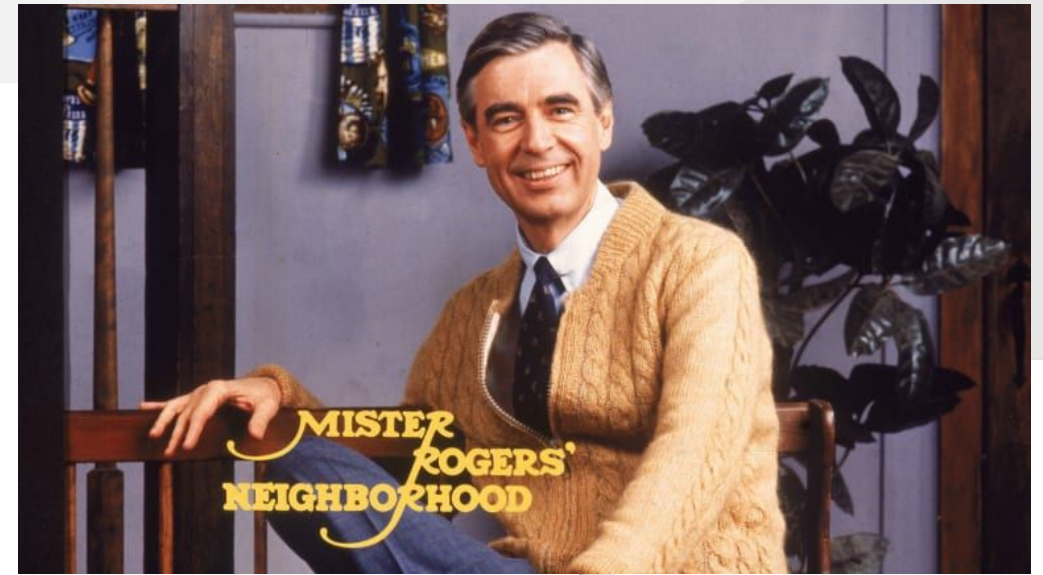
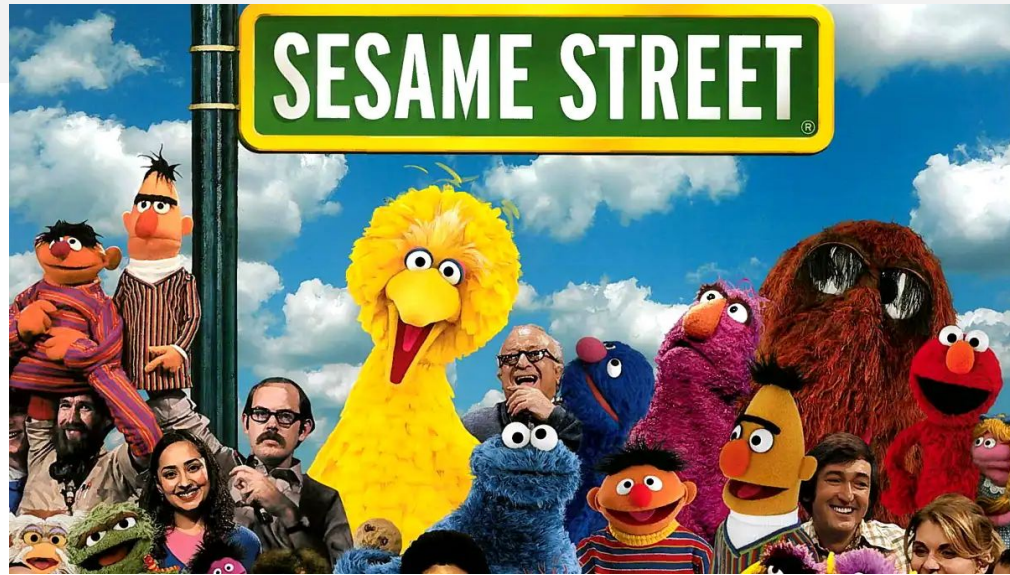
AMERICAN HORROR STORY



An anthology series centering on different characters and locations, including a house with a murderous past, an insane asylum, a witch coven, a freak show circus, a haunted hotel, a possessed farmhouse, a cult, the apocalypse, and a slasher summer camp.



Children's TV as Education



What show(s) or category are you most interested in doing?

AND

Do you want to work with a partner for this project? (If so, who?)

Head over to Google Classroom and fill out the question with your choices.



To do list

- Look over show options.
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How to Google search a tv show:

If you simply type in the show title you will typically get the Wikipedia page as one of your first hits. Please AVOID Wikipedia as a source.

Instead try to gravitate towards places that write more substantially about television and popular culture. You'll find those sites by being more crafty with your search terms.

For example, if you take your show and put it in quotes and then partner that with what you're looking for about it:

- “Steven Universe” analysis
- “Twilight Zone” 1959 reviews
 - With a show that's had multiple revivals like the *Twilight Zone*, *Will & Grace*, *Charlie's Angels*, etc. you'll want to add a date to your search to make sure you're getting search results on the right version.
- “Pose” tv show and significance
 - You may need to add the words “tv show” after something like *Pose* or *The Politician* which on their own are common words that could be mistaken in a Google search for words not shows.
- “Rick and Morty” influence

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No. of seasons: 2

Producers: Janet Mock; Our Lady J; Lou Eyr...

No. of episodes: 18 (list of episodes)

Original release: June 3, 2018 –; present

List of Pose characters · Mj Rodriguez · Indya Moore · Dominique Jackson (model)

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