Senior Capstone Project

Social Satire Assignment

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*Description*: Satire is the art of bringing attention to a problem, fault, or issue by blending criticism with humor. Satire is used to show foolishness or corruption in people, organizations, or governments.

*Objective*: Creatively provide an understanding of the ills of the world while writing in a style similar to works read this semester.

*Requirements*: 2.5-3 page short story satirizing a topic related to the modern world

*Characteristics*: Use of irony, sarcasm, and humor. Relation to a current event or societal problem.

* Verbal irony – saying one thing, but meaning another
* Situational irony – events are not what was expected
* Dramatic irony – reader has information the characters need, but don’t have
* Sarcasm – Bitter remark utilizing humor, but often serious/painful

*Possible Topics*:

* Fixation with social media
* American education system
* Gun control
* Global warming
* Social/racial prejudice
* Population control
* Identity theft
* Brexit
* Health care
* Government control
* Homelessness
* Etc.

*Preparing to Write*:

1. Check current events
2. Choose what you care about
3. Dig deeper into the topic
4. Know your audience (Gathman)
5. Choose a goal (audience reaction)



*Writing your Satire*:

1. Pick a story path
2. Incorporate humor
3. Use satire
4. Exaggerate to make a point
5. Make sure your characters matter