

EFREI Political Satire and Parody

Date	Theme	Class Activity	Sources	Homework
08 Oct	Introductions Course objectives	Discussion: what is satire?		read "A Modest Proposal" (Swift)
		Debate: what should poor people do for themselves?		
		Listening (song)	"Political Science" (Newman)	
15 Oct	18th century	Review homework (discuss reading) Reading comprehension	"A Modest Proposal"	Read extract from "Gulliver's Travels"
		Listening (song)	"The Great Nations of Europe" (Newman)	
22 Oct	18th century	Review homework (discuss reading) Analyse political parallels in Gulliver	"Gulliver's Travels"	
29 Oct	19th century	Discussion: can satire of social standards be considered "political"?	"The Importance of Being Earnest" (extracts)	Read extracts from "King Leopold's Soliloquy" (Twain)
		Listening (song)	"Be Prepared" (Lehrer)	
05 Nov	Dictatorship	Review homework (discuss reading)	"King Leopold's Soliloquy"	
		Film	"Animal Farm" (part 1)	
12 Nov	Dictatorship	Compare characters in "Animal Farm" to real people of the period	"Animal Farm" (part 2)	
19 Nov	TP1 test			
26 Nov	Nuclear Age	Why should only the "good guys" have the bomb? Debate (two teams): Iran has the right to develop nuclear weapons		
		Listening (songs)	"Wernher Von Braun", "Who's Next", "So long, Mom" (Lehrer)	
03 Dec	Late 20th century	Discuss: Who holds real power, governments or bureaucrats?	"Yes, Minister" (one or two episodes)	
10 Dec	Late 20th century	Is there any real difference between the "mainstream" political parties?	"Prime Minister and Sebastian" sketches from "Little Britain"	Read summary of "A Christmas Carol" (Dickens)
17 Dec	Parodies of Christmas	Film	"Blackadder's Christmas Carol"	Read "Nineteen Eighty-Four"
		Listening (song)	"A Christmas Carol" (Lehrer)	
24 Dec				
31 Dec				
07 Jan	TP2 EE			
14 Jan	Big Brother	Was Orwell right? Analyse selected extracts	"Nineteen Eighty-Four"	
21 Jan	21st Century	Phantom WMD and Freedom Fries: views of the Iraq War		
		Film	"In the Loop"	
28 Jan	TP3 EO			