**\*irony\***

Objective: Scholars will be able to define and distinguish between the three types of irony, AND be able to explain the irony of the Reign of Terror that followed the French Revolution and the creation of the Republic.

(Synthesis)

**Notes**

***Situational Irony***: an outcome that turns out to be very different from what was expected; the difference between what is expected to happen and what actually does

Example: A boy cheats on his geometry test by using the answers of his "smart" friend from an earlier period. He is certain that he will finally receive an A in the class. However, he gets his test back and failed -- because his class took a different version.

***Dramatic Irony***: when the audience of a story, play, or movie has knowledge that the characters do NOT have

Example: While watching a horror movie, the audience sees the killer approaching from behind. However, the actual character in the movie has no idea that he is about to be murdered.

***Verbal Irony****:* when you say the opposite of what you actually mean (aka, sarcasm)

Example: A mom comes into the TV room and discovers her 11-year-old watching South Park instead of doing his homework, which he was told to do an hour ago. Pointing to the screen she says, "Don't let me interrupt your serious learning here, kiddo, but when you're finished with your studies there, maybe we could take some time out for fun and do a little math."

**Guided Practice (We do!)** ☺ **:** Read each situation, then decide whether it contains ***verbal***, ***dramatic***, or ***situational*** irony and explain why.

1. You are driving to a friend’s party. You don’t know where it is, but you refuse to stop for directions. Two hours later you still haven’t found the party and a friend who is riding with you says “I’m SO glad you know EXACTLY where this party is – we wouldn’t want to be late or anything.”

Type of irony:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. You break a date with your girlfriend so you can go to the ball game with the guys. When you go to the concession stand, you run into your girlfriend who is with another guy.

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How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. You spend half of your life making fire extinguishers, and then die in a fire because you didn't have a fire extinguisher.

Type of irony:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4. In the play *King Lear*, the audience knows that it will end tragically, but the characters do not.

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How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Independent Practice (You do!** ☺ **): Distinguishing between the 3 different types of irony**

**Instructions:** Read each situation, then decide whether it contains ***verbal***, ***dramatic***, or ***situational*** irony. This is a **silent** and **independent** activity.

1. A mom and her daughter walk up to their apartment at the same time, coming from different directions. The mom has her arms full of grocery bags and is nearly dropping them. Her daughter says hi and keeps walking up the stairs empty-handed. The mom calls out to her daughter, “Thanks for your help!”

Type of irony:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. In the movie *Titanic*, we know the boat is going to sink, but Jack and Rose have no idea.

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How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. A man who has just lost his leg to frostbite explains his injury to his best friend, telling him, “I’m definitely ready to sign up for that breakdancing competition now.”

Type of irony:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. The President of Microsoft, Bill Gates, wins a brand new computer system in a raffle through a charity.

Type of irony:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. In “The Sniper,” a man successfully tricks the enemy who is trying to kill him. In the end, he discovers it is his own brother.

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How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. When watching a talk show, the audience knows why a person has been brought on the show. However, the person sitting in a chair does not know that he is going to be reunited with a former lover.

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How do you know?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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