

Modern-Day Ironic Insights Task

Directions: Over the past couple of classes, we have been looking at the role of irony in song lyrics, in our short stories, and even in “fractured fairy tales.” Now, it is your task to examine and evaluate the role of irony in our modern-day society.

Action Steps:

- Browse the website <https://newsela.com> to find news articles at a variety of reading levels.
- Find three different news articles that employ each of the three types of irony. Remember – the irony can lie in the title, the setting, the author, or any other detail included. Leave no stone unturned in your search for irony!
- Analyze Author’s Purpose – Compose a paragraph for each news article in which you respond to the below questions:
 - What type of irony is being used?
 - How do you know that type of irony is being used?
 - For what purpose might the author be using irony in the article? Explain fully, using evidence as support and to show your understanding of the use of irony.

Brainstorming Space:

Questions to consider: *What is the author’s purpose behind the piece? Who is the audience who will most likely be reading this article? Why does the author “need” irony in this piece? Can I connect this need with the stories we have read?*