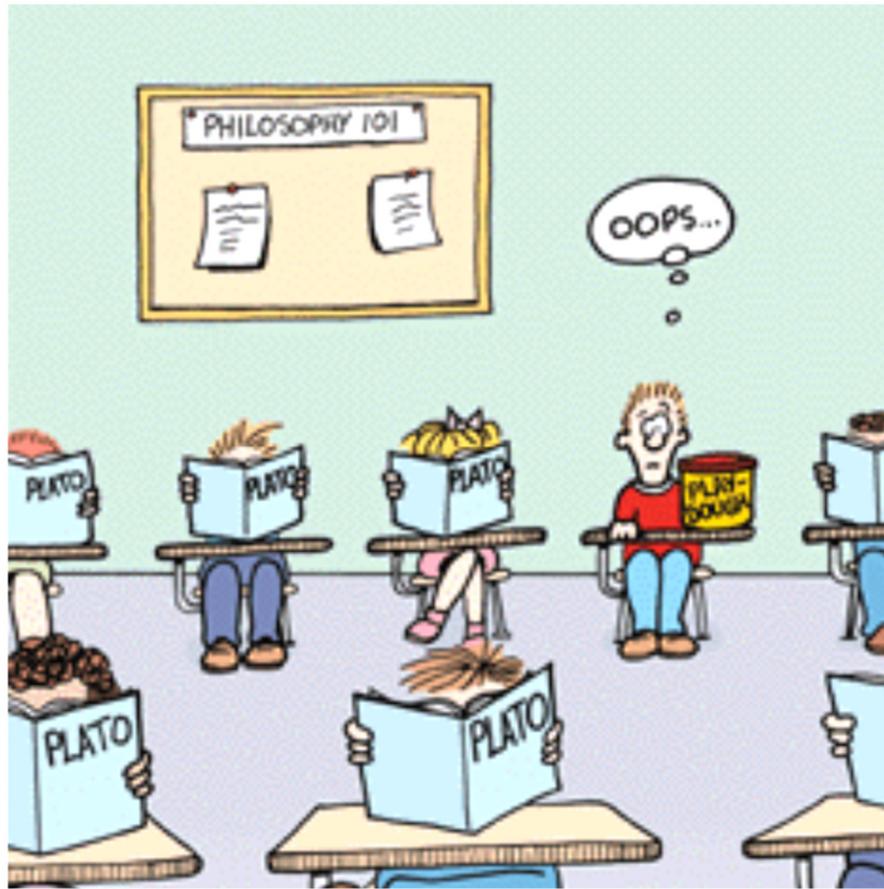


# SATIRE

What it is, what to look for





## WHAT MAKES THIS AMUSING?

- Wit?
- Irony?
- Pun?
- Hyperbole?
- Incongruity?  
... there's more!

# RELEVANT TERMS

- Irony
  - Verbal
  - Dramatic
  - Situational
- Wit
- Pun
- Hyperbole & Understatement
- Burlesque
- Incongruity
- Parody
- Satire
  - Juvenalian
  - Horatian

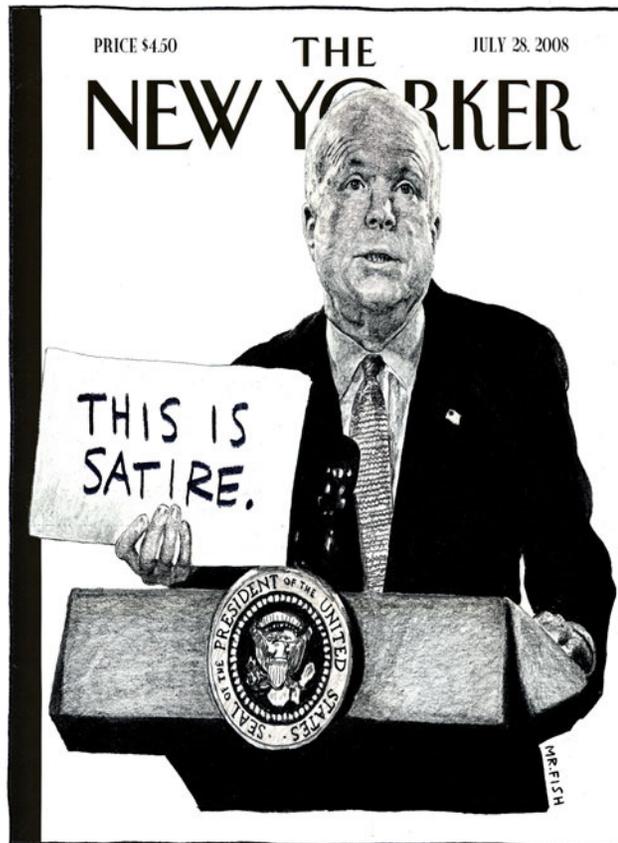




## *FROM THE LANGUAGE OF LITERATURE:*

“Satire is a literary technique in which behaviors or institutions are ridiculed for the purpose of improving society. What sets satire apart from other forms of social and political protest is humor. Satirists use irony and exaggeration to poke fun at human faults and foolishness in order to correct human behavior.” -Arthur M. Applebee

# HOW TO RECOGNIZE SATIRE



- ◉ Look for exaggeration—hyperbole, caricature
- ◉ If it offends—consider its use of irony or *reductio ad absurdum*
- ◉ Think about what the satire seeks to reform and its audience. Who is the target? What is the message?

# RECENT EXAMPLES

