**Satire**  Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Satire – A literary work that ridicules its subject through the use of techniques such as exaggeration, reversal, incongruity, and/or parody in order to make a comment or criticism about it.

**Satirical Techniques Definitions**

**Exaggeration**- To enlarge, increase, or represent something beyond normal bounds so that it becomes ridiculous and its faults can be seen. Caricature is the exaggeration of a physical feature or trait. Cartoons, especially political cartoons, provide extensive examples of caricature. Burlesque is the ridiculous exaggeration of language. For instance, when a character who should use formal, intelligent language speaks like a fool or a character who is portrayed as uneducated uses highly sophisticated, intelligent language.

**Incongruity**- To present things that are out of place or are absurd in relation to its surroundings. Particular techniques include oxymoron, metaphor, and irony.

**Parody**- To imitate the techniques and/or style of some person, place, or thing in order to ridicule the original. For parody to be successful, the reader must know the original text that is being ridiculed.

**Reversal**- To present the opposite of the normal order. Reversal can focus on the the order of events, such as serving dessert before the main dish or having breakfast for dinner. Additionally, reversal can focus on hierarchical order—for instance, when a young child makes all the decisions for a family or when an administrative assistant dictates what the company president decides and does.

Watch the following video, it is Shrek, and see if you can spot ALL FOUR examples of satire. (Hint: All four ARE present) (This YouTube clip also seems highly legit, and not illegal)

[Fiona Fights Robin Hood](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqafBgPWzA0)

Exaggeration-

Incongruity-

Reversal-

Parody

Watch the Video Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss. This book was published in 1984, so you may have to do a little bit of research as to what is going on at this time if your history is not so great. Also, I suggest you look at a few of these websites that contain information surrounding the topic.  [ENCYCLOPEDIA: COLD WAR](http://www.history.com/encyclopedia.do?articleId=206056) from The History Channel

 [Nuclear arms race](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_arms_race), from Wikipedia

 [Race for the Superbomb](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/bomb/), from PBS

In a well written paragraph or two, with a topic sentence (obviously!), explain HOW and WHY Dr. Seuss’s Butter Battle Book is extremely satirical. Be sure to reference historical facts as well as use satirical terminology to help narrow your focus. Please write this on looseleaf using the proper format in MLA. I will go over this MLA format in class. Remind me if I forgot.