**Satirical Techniques**

**Exaggeration enlarges, increases, or represents 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. Political cartoons provide extensive examples of caricature.**

***Burlesque* is a type of ridiculous literary or dramatic exaggeration that vulgarizes lofty**

**material or treats ordinary material with mock dignity.**

**Incongruity presents things that are out of place or are absurd in relation to their**

**surroundings. Techniques include oxymoron, metaphor, and irony.**

**Parody imitates the techniques and/or style of a person, place, or thing to ridicule the**

**original. For parody to be successful, the reader must know the original work that is being**

**ridiculed.**

**Reversal presents the opposite of the normal order. Reversal can focus on the order of**

**events, such as putting shoes on before socks. Reversal can also focus on hierarchical**

**order, such as a child making all the decisions for a family.**