**Common Satire Techniques**

**1. Hyperbole--to enlarge, increase, or represent something beyond normal bounds so that it becomes ridiculous and its faults can be seen**

**2. Incongruity--to present things that are out of place or are absurd in relation to their surroundings**

**3. Inversion--to present the opposite of the normal order (e.g. the order of events, hierarchical order)**

**4. Logical Fallacy—misuse of logical reasoning to expose the absurdities of ideas, values, social structures, etc.**

**5. Parody—to imitate the techniques and/or style of some person/place/or thing**

**6. Understatement—creating emphasis by saying less than is expected or appropriate**

**7. Verbal Irony—a literary device where what is stated is the opposite of what is meant**