

What can we learn about society from watching television?

	The Waltons (1972)	All in the Family (1972)	The Cosby Show (1985)	Roseanne (1990)
Name a main character and list 3 things he/she desires, in order of priority				
What is the main problem the character confronts in this episode?				
List 3 virtues that best define the main character				
List 3 adjectives that describe the husband/father figure				
List 3 adjectives that describe the wife/mother figure				
List 3 adjectives that describe the children				
State the most interesting rule that governs the storyworld of this episode				

Although we have watched too few episodes to make confident generalizations, you should be able to generate some ideas about changes in American society between 1970 and 1990. To answer the questions below, assume that because these shows were popular you can make educated guesses about the audience that chose to watch them.

1. How did ideas about male and female roles in the family or in society change?
2. How did the relationships between parents and children change?
3. How did ideas about what was worth paying attention to change?
4. How did ideas about the importance or meaning of work change?
5. What other change did you find to be notable?