



Weekly Discussion Questions 12/9/2024

[Apple, Charles. "The Origin of *The Simpsons*." *The Spokesman-Review*, 15 Dec. 2024, pp. D7](#)

Classroom Discussion Question Grades 9-12

Cultural Impact of "The Simpsons": Since its debut in 1989, The Simpsons has remained a popular TV show. Why do you think this animated series has lasted for over 35 years? What cultural or social factors have contributed to its success?

The Evolution of Animation in Media: The Simpsons began as short bumpers on The Tracey Ullman Show and eventually became a full-length series. How does the show's evolution reflect changes in television and animation over the decades? How might the show have paved the way for other animated series?

Economic and Ethical Aspects of Entertainment: The actors voicing The Simpsons characters eventually negotiated substantial salary increases as the show gained success. How do you think fair compensation should be determined in long-running entertainment projects? Should the financial success of a show influence the pay of its creators and actors?

Classroom Discussion Question Grades 6-8

Why has The Simpsons lasted so long? The Simpsons has been on TV for more than 35 years. Why do you think people keep watching it? What makes it special compared to other shows?

How has The Simpsons changed animation on TV? The Simpsons started as short clips on another show before becoming its own series. How do you think this helped other animated shows? What makes its style and humor stand out?

Should actors on long-running shows get raises? The actors on The Simpsons asked for more money after the show became very popular. Do you think they deserved it? Why or why not?

Classroom Discussion Question Grades 1-5

Why do people like The Simpsons so much? The Simpsons has been on TV for a very long time. Why do you think so many people like watching it? What do you think makes it fun or interesting?

How did The Simpsons become its own show? The Simpsons started as short little cartoons before it became a full show. Why do you think people wanted to see more of it? What do you think made it popular?

Should the actors on The Simpsons get paid more? The actors on The Simpsons asked for more money after the show became a big hit. Do you think that was fair? Why or why not?