

Analysis:

For this project I wanted to analyze three different humorists, SNL, Bo Burnham, and Zach Galifinakis. While they are all different types of comedy, they have very similar executions and productions. SNL or Saturday Night Live is a comedy show that was created in 1975. They do stand up and create skits to portray their humor. They utilize many different types of humor such as sarcasm, blue humor, black humor, political satire, and more. This show consists of celebrities to portray humor more. Each of their sketches shows different types of humor so add more variety to their show. They also utilize celebrities as actors to give their show a sense of familiarity. It's also funny to see celebrities play such ludicrous roles. Another thing they do in their skits is use a lot of absurd humor. For example, one of their skits is about a plane that is going to crash. The flight attendants use calm and nonchalant voices to tell the passengers then proceed to get distracted in their own conversation. This shows how they use absurdity in their skits.

Bo Burnham, on the other hand, is a stand up comedian who uses many different comedic mediums. One of his main acts is adding humor to sensitive topics and events. He has also included humorous songs in his acts. Being a stand up comedian he is also quick on his feet when the audience interacts with him, which is very impressive. He also talks about current events and relatable issues. Recently, he wrote, filmed, and produced a film of himself in quarantine. He utilized a lot of original songs to give a fun twist to the more sensitive topics he was referring to. While I found many of his songs funny and entertaining, I also related to them a lot when I was in quarantine.

Similar to Bo Burnham, Zach Galifianakis is another solo comedic icon who uses a lot of sarcasm and roasts in his humor. He created his own tv show called, *Between the Ferns*, in which he poses fake interviews with other celebrities. He makes fun of them using a lot of sarcasm yet still using a straight face and a serious tone. He also played Alan in all three hangover movies, which are comedy movies. I noticed that at the beginning of each of his interviews he starts by implying that the guest said something controversial when they didn't. One of my favorite one of his interviews was one with Benedict Cumberbatch. Throughout the interview they both banter and make fun of each other. There is one part where Zach says a bad word and attempts to bleep it out with a red button next to him that makes a beep noise. He continued to say the inappropriate word until he bleeped it correctly. I found the use of a prop in this instance to be extremely funny.

One thing all of these comedians all use similar mediums. They have all created films with their humor. However, Bo Burnham prefers to do acts alone and usually sticks to stand up. SNL works in groups of many different sizes. They utilize different characters, actors, props, and more to enhance the comedy. Zach Galifinakis sticks with using a nonchalant tone while also roasting his guests. Another thing they have in common is that they make light of more difficult situations and also talk about more controversial things. Together, they use a mix of blue humor, black humor, absurd humor, banter, blunder, and more.

Reflection:

Some of the subjects and themes I find more interesting are sarcasm, absurd humor, blue and black humor, Satire, Repartee, and lastly Wit. For my humor project, I want to focus heavily on satire. Looking back at my comedic influences, satire is one humor tool they have in common. This has always been one of my favorite types of humor. Whether I'm watching it or actually being sarcastic with my friends.

My friends and I like to be very sarcastic with each other and I want to be able to bring that into my project. I want to bring in the humor that I enjoy and use most often. I'm hoping to bring a fun and chill vibe to my project. I also want to make sure there is a good flow of jokes instead of choppy ones to make the project seem smoother and funnier.