

Sociology - Blizzard Bag #1

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Popular Culture Radio Listening

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Sociology involves studying different societies. Sometimes that means societies separated by space - like comparing the United States to Pakistan. Sometimes that means societies separated by time, like America today vs. America in the 1930's.

There are tons and tons of old radio dramas online. Before television and the internet people would gather around the radio to listen to the adventures of Dick Tracy, Superman, Little Orphan Annie, and lots of others. Find an episode of one and listen to it. You can find a bunch of them here: <https://archive.org/details/oldtimeradio>

Answer the questions when you're done.

1. How does the episode you've chosen begin?
2. What products are being pushed in each program? How do these advertisements compare with modern commercials?
3. What different sound effects do you hear? How could you go about making each sound effect?
4. Tell me some similarities and differences between this kind of entertainment and the sort of TV (Netflix and Hulu, too!) that people watch today.
5. What is something that you can say about how society has changed based on the episode you just listened to?

Send any finished work or questions to me at jhunter@thetomorrowcenter.org. If this is a snow day I'll probably just be sitting around my house watching Netflix and can lend a hand.