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Canary in the coalmine of humanity. I feel the need to apologize, Imaginary Reader, for I have been remiss. I maintain and pay a small fee for this site, yet I stopped updating it at some point. I went from writing multiple articles a day for an online company for very decent money, to going down a deep, dark rabbit hole when my mom was fighting Stage 4 cancer. I got out of the writing habit, and never managed to come back from it. My last entry was so emo I cringed re-reading it. No, actually, scratch that. Poor you and your First World problems, Tawni. Your life is so hard. Would you like some French cries with your wahhhamburger? See how mean I am to me? But are middle-aged people even allowed to be emo? I used to just fucking write. But now I do. I feel uncomfortable right now. When I used to write a dumb piece like this, and post it, and move on. I am creative for me, and nobody else. So away we go, FuckThem. Off into the motherfucking sunset with us, old girl. Did I mention that? I kind of tried to clean things up around here for a while, and it felt weird. I am not for polite company. And I like my sass. I was horrified by this. I hate feeling out of control. Hate hate hate it. So back to the docks with me. I used to write songs for years in a city where my guy musician friends would tell me about how other guy musicians made fun of me and my simple little pop rock songs. The songwriting was cathartic and came from my heart, and as long as I was being true to myself, I was proud of what I did. No shame in the earnest game, man. So I need to find that version of me again. That makes me psychologically balk. A competition with me. Only one can win! I may write fiction. I may write old-timey Seventeen Magazine puberty poetry. I may write interesting facts about a topic of interest. I absolutely love researching and writing about things that fascinate me. Open letters are a favorite. I might share a song I wrote in my younger days and tell you the story behind it like a boring old aunt reliving her glory days. I could even use a random writing prompt of some sort and go all stream-of-consciousness on your ass. Please bear with me while I bare with me, Imaginary Reader. See what I did there? World weary, wrinkly, and full of eggs. I know how you feel, side-eye chicken.

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Chapter 2 : Peter Barnes (playwright) - Wikipedia

You may have used the expression, "Nobody here but us chickens!" Would you still use it if you knew its origins lie in a racist joke from the turn of the 20th century?

By Susan Peters April 1, Three shifty-eyed feathered rebels cluck and bob excitedly as their owner, an unlikely activist in an upscale midtown Toronto neighbourhood, slides open her kitchen door, steps into the backyard and, as a treat, scatters a handful of cracked corn. At the house next door, men carry furniture, signs of new neighbours moving in. In recent years, challenges to antichickens- keeping laws have made the birds legal in cities such as Cleveland, Ohio, and Portland, Oregon. Vancouver is expected to allow it this spring; New York, Chicago and smaller municipalities such as Niagara Falls, Ont. In other cities, the fight is ongoing. Moncton is trying a pilot project allowing one backyard coop; Halifax is reconsidering its ban after earlier forcing two chicken owners to get rid of their birds; and while the Waterloo, Ont. TC knows of a dozen like-minded fowl fans in her city who like chickens as pets, as a daily source of fresh organic eggs and as a way to teach children responsibility and show them where food comes from. Gardeners fancy the poop as compost. Some advocates, such as urban farm group FoodCycles and Toronto councillor Joe Mihevc, believe chickens can mean increased local food production, an opportunity for community building and an economical protein source for urbanites living close to the bone. TC started keeping birds in to provide wholesome food for her family and to stop supporting factory farming. During the warmer months, the girls are rotated through different fenced-in patches of the medium-sized yard, away from the barbecue and basketball hoop. The birds adore digging into the lawn, taking dust baths, hunting beetles in the compost bin and gobbling up table scraps such as the fat from roasts. Sometimes "like right now" they have accidents. Backyard-bird critics complain about potential problems: Moreover, predators such as dogs and foxes could attack hens, bird kibble can attract rats, and backyard chickens carry a slight risk of salmonella and campylobacter and have the potential to spread avian flu to commercial flocks. The birds were legal in the city until Jennifer Blecha, an urban agriculture expert in the geography department at San Francisco State University, says urban chicken coops became less popular in North America after the Second World War, with rising prosperity, the growth of suburbs and the cult of the perfect lawn. They wanted to get permits, take classes, join internet forums like BackYardChickens. Which is exactly what TC is doing, as she shows off a petition on her kitchen table and discusses an upcoming workshop for would-be backyard farmers. Outlawing urban chickens, she says, blocks a basic human right to access healthy food. Upstairs, her oldest son is doing homework, and TC says activism is part of his education:

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Nobody Here But Us Chickens is a trio of entertaining and challenging comedies about people with mental or physical disabilities, emphasising their individuality without patronization. The eponymous first part introduces George Allsop, a man dressed only his underpants who "very articulately" believes he is a chicken.

Of these, television is coming to have the greatest impact almost everywhere. Not only are sets increasingly available, reaching near-saturation in countries like Britain and the United States; the intensity of their use leaves the other media behind. If the average viewer in Britain will watch the box for some five hours and the average American viewer for over six hours a day, it is safe to say that he or she will be seeing a great deal of drama in that time. Television drama is intimately linked with both theatre and cinema; all three, after all, are visual media. The umbilical connection with the stage was more evident in the early days. Between the start of regular transmissions in and their suspension because of the war in , the BBC televised a total of plays; only 14 were written especially for the new medium. In the early postwar period, when television plays went out live, they were necessarily continuous " in other words, very much like theatrical performances. It is true that the action was covered by several cameras from different angles. But there was little of the flexibility and mobility of film production. Only a limited number of sets could be accommodated in the studio, and there were time constraints on costume and make-up changes for the cast. Cables inhibited camera movement beyond certain limits. Film, if used at all, appeared only by way of inserts for outdoor scenes. The introduction of videotape in the late s changed all that. Plays could now be recorded in segments and edited, somewhat in the manner of film. Moreover, from the s onwards writers and producers increasingly wished to break out of the confines of the studio. Plays would be shot on location, often with a single camera " first on film and later, when electronic cameras become more and more portable, on videotape. The development of sophisticated video effects in the s and s helped to push the television play closer and closer to a cinematic mode. By the end of the century television drama had become very flexible; it could lean towards either theatre or cinema in method and style. The question is, has it achieved a language of its own, distinct from that of its sister arts? Some doubt whether there is such a thing as television drama at all. They would claim that it is film or theatre transmitted electronically rather than an aesthetic category in its own right. But that is to overstate the case. True, the television play shares a good deal with film, its closest relation " a narrative conveyed by means of images which are passed through a lens, accompanied by sounds which are passed through a microphone. Nevertheless, the two media differ fundamentally in their mode of reception. The key to the nature of television drama lies in its viewing conditions. Cinema-going involves choice and effort; switching on a TV set is little more than a reflex. The cinema shows a limited programme; television drama is embedded in a continuous flow of heterogeneous material. Indeed, the television viewer may not catch the start of a play; he or she may abandon it before the end. The dark auditorium focuses attention on the screen action; domestic lighting may bleach the television image, faulty set adjustment may degrade it, while family turmoil, the phone or the dog may interfere with concentration. This suggests that television viewing is less engrossing than a visit to the cinema. Linguistic usage bears this out: But domestic play-watching is not just an inferior sort of dramatic experience; it is an experience different in kind, with its own advantages. The appeal is to the individual or the small group rather than to a mass audience. What television drama loses in intensity it gains " among other things " in extension. Vast audiences share the same experience though physically separated from each other. The social bonding implied by such figures is reinforced by constant repetition. The impact of television drama is not so much that of the individual play as of a routine of viewing, almost a way of life. British television in particular has accorded a high status to playwrights. In the early days of television this tended to be the staple dramatic product, apart from the adaptation of stage plays. This supremacy was to be of short duration. These were easier to schedule than single plays, they were more cost-effective and, above all, they consolidated viewer loyalty. In a sense, a serial is only an extension of the

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single play. It is generally written by one author rather than a committee. But the serial is often an original story rather than an adaptation. The serial offers certain advantages over the single play. It enables the playwright to develop stories in depth, with ample room for characterization. At the receiving end, the sense of time passing between episodes becomes part of the viewing experience. Latin America is particularly addicted to serials; there they are known as telenovelas. At first Telenovelas were a fantasy vehicle for the socially deprived, with their dreams of luxury living and rags-to-riches stories. But they developed into a narrative form with high production values, some literary ambitions and a great appeal to all strata of society. The length of the Brazilian telenovela is often prodigious, running perhaps to as many as episodes. Viewing figures of up to 50 million are not exceptional. A universally popular subgenre of the serial is the sci-fi adventure. First launched in , it has generated a huge following, with fan clubs, a Doctor Who Monthly and scholarly publications. A major branch of the serial is the soap opera, so called after a kind of radio drama. Soap opera is typically sited within a group " family, workplace or district. But soap operas need not always hold up the mirror to working or lower-middle-class nature. Unmistakably an element of wish fulfilment was being pandered to " envy seasoned with curiosity and disapproval. Viewer identification with soaps runs high. The characters are believed by many viewers to be as real as themselves, and unpopular storyline changes raise storms of protest. Soap operas are open-ended. Coronation Street, initially scheduled for a mere 13 weeks, just went on of its own accord. Having no firm end in view they can be adjusted. Thus, some Brazilian telenovelas of the soapier kind have been reshaped in mid-course to accommodate audience research findings. There is an assembly-line element to such authorship. Teams of writers work simultaneously on different narrative strands; relays relieve each other from time to time. Typical of soap operas are the weaving together of several plotlines running side by side; a mixture of moods the banal alternating with the sensational, the comical with the pathetic ; and cliff-hanger endings designed to keep the viewer hooked. Plot development is leisurely since viewers may well miss some episodes. The series can afford to work a good deal faster. It tends to raise few social questions; characters are fixed and rarely learn from experience. Series easily fall into genre patterns. The Hollywood inspiration of many American series is self-evident; indeed, many are made in Hollywood. Comparable genre concepts are at work in other countries too. A popular subgenre of the series is the situation comedy. Its basic pattern is that of a group of characters engaged in permanent conflict, their never-resolved problems giving scope for a maximum-number of permutations. Let us take three British examples. In Britain, any threat to the single play used to stir up heated polemics in its defence. But to see it " rightly " as the cutting edge for innovation in writing and production is not to deny the potential merits of the serial and the series. One must, however, bear in mind the shift in institutional power the dominance of the latter brings about " a transfer of responsibility from individual author to script editor and producer. Another frequent cause of controversy is the documentary drama. Stylistic devices typifying the genre " talking heads, jump cuts, unsteady camerawork " are designed to give an unmediated, as it were authentic, impression of actuality. The argument against documentary drama is that it might confuse viewers as to what precisely is demanded of them: Critics maintain that it may so merge with the flow of factual reportage as to become indistinguishable from it. Actually there are many ways of signalling the real status of the programme. More confusion is caused by soap operas. The attacks on documentary drama are often disingenuous, aimed at socially critical but never at safely conservative programmes. Television has long since overtaken the cinema, at any rate in the TV-saturated developed world, as a mirror of individual conduct. Jeremiahs claim that it does not merely reflect these patterns but influences them as well " usually for the worse. Such arguments draw more on gut feelings than hard sociological evidence. Nevertheless, one cannot dismiss out of hand the notion that a daily demonstration of how to conduct oneself will leave its mark. Television drama also reflects and perhaps influences the broader implicit values of society. Different parts of the world follow different guidelines in their programming policies. While developing countries tend to be frankly interventionist, the pressures and constraints on television drama in the liberal capitalist West are not so apparent. Problems are always seen in the light of personal malfunction; wider social perspectives are shunned. The influence of

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television drama is not confined to the home market. A number of countries, like the United States, Britain, France and Brazil, export a great many programmes. The strong pressure exerted by these products, particularly in Latin America, can be seen as a form of cultural imperialism, whether intended as such or not. Subtle denationalization of culture can take other forms too. The growing demand for glossy TV superproductions may lead to a pooling of resources by two or more countries; such coproductions often result in compromise.

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