

Topic: _____

Thesis Question (from the "Research Topic Proposal") sheet:

How has Saturday Night Live has reinforced inequality among women, LGBT people, and racial minorities? How has SNL perpetuated stereotypes of gender, sexual orientation, and race?

Thesis Statement (answers your Thesis Question):

The portrayal of women, LGBT people and minorities in SNL sketches and the hiring practices of SNL have allowed stereotypes of those groups to continue and has contributed to inequity in the entertainment industry.

Research Questions:

- Why have so few women (especially black women) had successful comedy careers from Saturday Night Live?

How has SNL launched the careers of many successful comedians?

What barriers exist for women in comedy?

- How do stereotypes in popular culture (exemplified by SNL) hold back opportunities for women?

- How did changing stereotypes and roles for female comedians lead to more opportunities for women comedians?

Search Strings:

Female **or** Women **or** Woman and comed*

Women **And** "Saturday Night Live"

"pay equity" **and** comedy