

Popular Culture  
Classic Radio Listening Activity

Choose any of the following classic radio programs, find them on youtube and listen to at least 10 minutes of each broadcast. Be sure that the broadcast is from the 1930s or 1940s. (Little Orphan Annie, The Shadow, Amos and Andy, The Lone Ranger)

Name:

1. How does each radio broadcast 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 in each program? How could you go about making each sound effect?
  
4. How would you rate the acting in these programs? How would acting on the radio differ from acting in TV or films?
  
5. What similarities and differences do you see between radio programs and television programs? Could you listen to a radio program on a regular basis the way you watch television? Why or why not?