

CHAPTER 1:

THE PREMISE

The Simpsons is an adult cartoon. The show has been on television since 1989. The show has been running for more than 30 years. More than 700 episodes have been made. Different people write these episodes. There have been nearly 140 writers over the years.

Each episode is very funny. The main character, Homer Simpson, is married to Marge Simpson. They are the parents of Bart, Lisa, and Maggie Simpson. They live in a town called Springfield. The Simpsons are always getting themselves into trouble.

Some of the other characters are based on people in real life. Some of the places in the show are real places. Even some of the events in the show really happened.



The show makes fun of these people, places, and events. This makes the show part **fiction** and part **nonfiction**. Fiction means not true. Nonfiction stories are true.

A conspiracy theory about the show claims *The Simpsons* **predicts** the future. To predict is to guess what will happen. There are many examples of this. Some scenes seem so close to what happened in real life.

The Simpsons often uses satire. Satire is a type of writing method. It uses humor to prove a point.

