

# SOAP OPERA





Are you the fan of the U.S TV Series?

What's the classification of the U.S TV Series?





# Classification



Situation Comedy/Sitcom



Drama



Soap Opera





# **Situation Comedy/Sitcom**

- Situation comedy is a comedy show. Most of each episode is about 30 minutes or so, and it also has a set of about 60 minutes (including ad time). Generally, there are some on-site audience participate in laughter recording.



# Drama

- The structure is basically immutable and frozen. Each episode is divided into: Prologue, titles, the main play and tail leader . The plot and the clues are often associated with each other. The plot has ups and downs. The plot development is whirling and fascinating.



# Reading II

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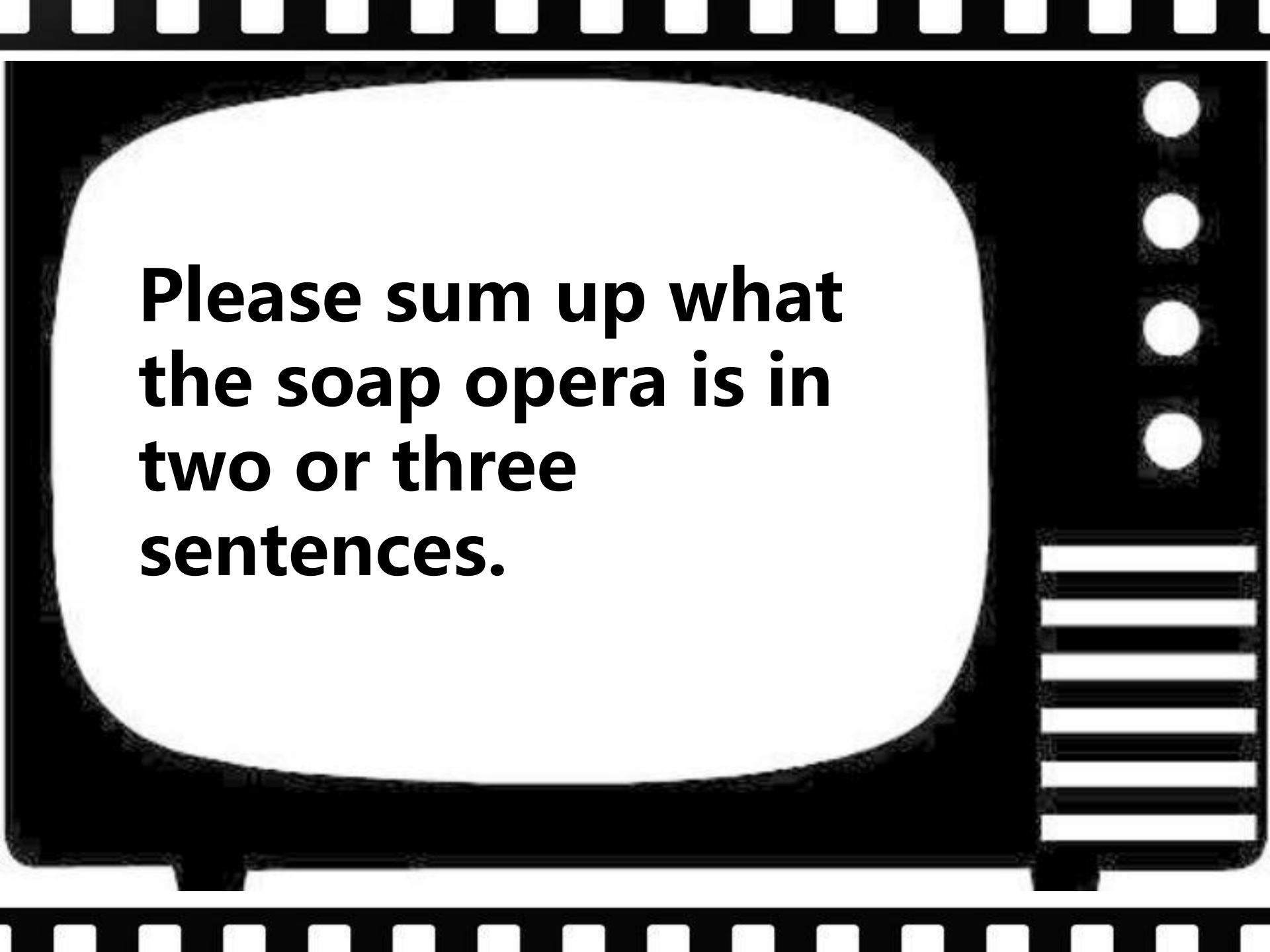




## Group Discussion

1. Why do many people all over the world watch soap operas on television?
2. What's the origin of the "soap opera"? And what do the "soap" and "opera" mean?
3. Why in the United States, the term "soap opera" has never been value-neutral?
4. What differences are there between cheap soap operas and soap operas with big stars and produced at high costs?
5. What are the main characteristics that define soap operas?
6. How many main types of characters are there in soap operas? What are they? Describe each of them.





**Please sum up what  
the soap opera is in  
two or three  
sentences.**



# Conclusion

- an instant fix of entertainment
- People can just sit down on the sofa and enjoy it
- each episode links to the next episode
- left at the end of one short episode wondering what's going to happen next
- generally about neighbors, friends, family
- there may be controversial subjects like drug taking, or violence, divorce
- it would cover all things that you could images possibly happening in people's lives

***“it's time to  
play THE  
GAME”***

**Win the gifts!**





Round 1

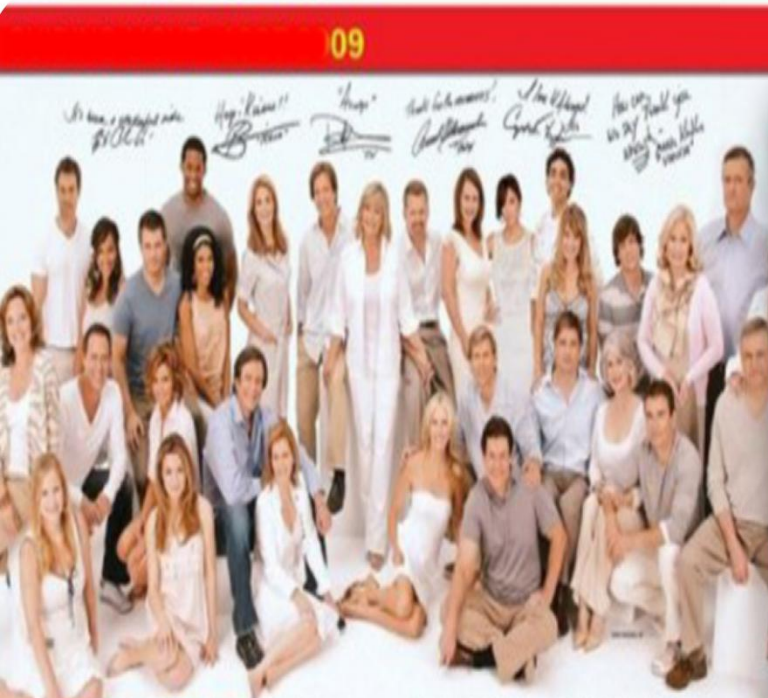
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Round 2

Yes



Guiding Light

NO

SOAP  
opera  
MANIA



NO



Baidu 百科

*What's the  
structure of the  
passage?*







Thank you!