

For this project, I have chosen to analyze the YouTube Animator, Domics and stand-up comedian John Mulaney. Both of these humorists are very sarcastic and incorporate a lot of satire and criticism for the everyday things which people do and seem to gain inspiration from their everyday lives. Domics, being an animator, is able to paint a picture for his audience and use his drawings to exaggerate his stories and create caricatures for the characters in his stories. Domics is a humorist who uses more of a comedic narrative approach as he often only tells a single story in each of his videos. One of the most impactful ones in my opinion would be his video “Cashier” where he puts a twist on the common conversation that occurs with a cashier at a market and their ability to guilt trip people into donating to a foundation. He uses a lot of satire and banter as he mocks the cashier and creates the conversation between himself and the other characters. He also incorporates some dark humor by creating Ricky the blind raccoon with failing kidneys and the girl scouts with their inability to feel. Much of Domics works are humorous simply because the story is funny and relatable to most audiences. Being a native Filipino, Domics also incorporates many jokes and stereotypes that are often conversed about amongst Asians. For example, in his video “Growing Up Asian” he discusses with his friends many of the things which they grew up with such as having no slippers in the house or not knowing how to speak their native tongue. For an Asian American such as myself, I find this humorous as I am able to relate to the experiences they have. One of the funniest jokes for me in that video would be about the common bowl hair cut. Often times, Domics will incorporate witty comments and remarks which get the viewers laughing and keeps them entertained. Unlike John Mulaney, Domics’ shorts are not always scripted and are often just improvised, especially when the videos are simply discussions amongst his friends. During his hypothetical videos, we are able to see a lot of banter, some witty remarks, some sarcasm, and overall just playful conversations which make the video worth watching.

While Domics is able to tell comedic narratives, John Mulaney simply uses multiple anecdotes in his performances to entertain the audience. Something in which both him and Domics have in common are their sarcasm, witty remarks, and the way in which their tones change for each character. While Domics has the ability to draw out the character, John Mulaney must act it out. He creates caricatures using his voice and facial expressions as he mocks people. Much of Mulaney’s work seems to be self deprecating. Both him and Domics set themselves as the main characters, but often times Mulaney will create subtle jokes about himself such as when he talks about looking worse as he gets older and how he just looks like an ugly “tall child.” It is this aspect that makes his stand up relatable and humorous. A lot of Mulaney’s stand up also contains criticism of some of the things he faces everyday such as his comments about how we must tell a robot that we are not a robot when trying to access our information. Something else which Mulaney does is that he takes the audience’s reactions into account and in doing this he creates jokes off of it. Both of them try to really connect with their audience and do so by using situational humor which they derive from their own experiences.