



Museum Access: SNL: The Experience

SEASON 2 - EPISODE 2

The special exhibit, Saturday Night Live: the Experience, at the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago, IL takes visitors through the colorful history of SNL. We follow the creative process of a typical week. Beginning with the writers on Mon. and ending with the words, "Live From New York, It's Saturday Night!" Let's continue the learning with these questions and talking points.

Question 1

How is SNL different from other television shows?

More Talking Points:

1. How has SNL changed over the years?
2. Why has SNL been so successful for over 40 years?

Question 2

With a strict weekly schedule, certain projects must be done on certain days. Discuss why this is the case.

More Talking Points:

1. What can happen if this weekly schedule is disrupted?
2. Do you have a weekly schedule? How do you stay on schedule?

Question 3

SNL writers have to be both creative and funny. What inspires them?

More Talking Points:

1. How do you get *your* creative ideas?
2. Is having a deadline helpful in the creative process? Why?

Question 4

Do you think that there is value in a 'competitive' work environment?

More Talking Points:

1. What motivates you when you are working?
2. What makes you feel successful and accomplished in your work?

Question 5

How would you feel if you worked on the tight SNL schedule every week?

More Talking Points:

1. What sort of work environment is best for you? Why?
2. How do you handle the stress of upcoming deadlines?

