



**NEW ENGLAND
COMMON ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

**Student Work Samples
2007**

Grade 8



Reading

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The King changes during the course of the folktale. When we first meet him, he is very "impressive and stern." Later he is angry because the thief has brought him a plum pit. After the thief announces that it is no ordinary plum pit, the king is curious, and says, "What do you mean by that?" Upon learning that the pit will produce golden plums once planted, the king is suspicious. "Well, if that's the case, why haven't you planted it yourself?" he asks.

The thief reveals that only people who have never stolen or cheated may reap the benefit. The king is regretful, but also honest, because he stole pennies from his mother's purse as a boy. The thief offered the pit to everyone else in the room, but no one accepted. The thief berates them for stealing and not being punished. As a final change, the king is shameful and offers to pay the thief's fine.

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In the tale that the thief presents upon the king changes the king in several ways. One way that he changed was that at first the king was mad of seeing what was inside of the box. Then as the thief went on the king got a little happy because he heard about the golden purnis. After that he felt ashamed because he knew that he has done some bad things as well in his life like others have too. Then because of that the king felt embarrassed because of what he's done and let go the thief.

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The king changes because the thief says that only someone who hadn't stolen or cheated could get the golden plum tree. The king did not get the tree because he had stolen in his past. The king and the other people in the room felt bad that they stolen or cheated. So they let the thief go free.

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The king changes from being angry to being nice and letting the thief out of jail.

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The King gets older during the folktale.

In the story, the clever thief comes up with a way to get out of jail without escaping. The thief takes a plum pit to the King as a gift, telling him that only those who have not stolen or cheated can have the magic of the golden plums. When the King turns down the gift after realizing that he has stolen something before, the thief turns to the other people present in the room. Alas, all the members of the room have stolen before. The thief laughs at this, wondering why he was jailed for stealing some spices when the other men had also stolen and were still free men. The King realized how this was unfair to the thief, so in hopes of somehow making it up to him, he sets the thief free. The thief of course knew this was going to happen the whole time, which is what made him so clever.

The thief says that the plum pit is magical and if the has not cheated or stole something it will grow golden plums, but if you have cheated or stole something then the tree will only grow regular plums and not golden plums. When the thief tells the royalty's they all turn the plum pit down because they have done something wrong and they know that they cannot accept the plum pit because they have either cheated or stole something in thier past lifetime and if they accept the plum pit it would be wrong for them to accept it because of what they had done earlier in life.

How the thief uses the plum theory was he said they grew golden plums. Then he said the planter has to be honest. Once everyone is saying they lied, he says I've only stole spices and have 5 years for it. They were worse than them and they never went to jail. So they let him go because they decided that it was right to do.

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He used the plan pit to get them to confes their crimes and set him free.

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The thief uses the plumb tree to help him in jail by growing right outside of the window so it grows and he can climb down it.



Mathematics



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$$|-3| = 3$$

$$|-2| = 2$$



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-12 ; 5



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-6 and 6



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5 Sides

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$$\begin{array}{r} 2180 \\ \times \quad 3 \\ \hline 540^{\circ} \end{array}$$

The polygon has 5 sides

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540

$$\begin{array}{r} 90 \\ 6 \overline{) 540} \\ \underline{54} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

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$$540^\circ \div 180^\circ = 3$$

The polygon would have 3 angles because there is 180° angle. $540 \div 180 = 3$.



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* $8m$ = how much she earns

* $8m - 4$ = how much he earns

Morgan worked the full hours so she gets full credit for the hours she worked.

Since Ted came $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour late, he was deducted 4 dollars, the 4 he didn't work for.



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Morgan - \$8.00 m
Ted - ~~\$8.00~~ m - \$4.00



A.

\$8 per hour \cdot M hours Morgan worked
 $8M$

B.

\$8 per hour \cdot (M hours Morgan worked $-$ $\frac{1}{2}$ hour)

$$8(M - \frac{1}{2})$$



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$$A. \quad m \times 8 =$$



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a. $8m$

b. $8m - \frac{1}{2}$



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A. $m = \$4$ Morgan

B. $M = \cancel{\$} 8$ Ted.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 35.4 \\ 30.9 \\ 29.6 \\ 30.3 \\ + 31.3 \\ \hline 157.5 \end{array}$$

$\overline{31.5}$ is the Mean

$\overline{31.5^*}$

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The correct mean is 31.5

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$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 35.4 \\ 20.9 \\ 29.6 \\ 30.3 \\ 31.3 \\ \hline 157.5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 30.15 \\ 5 \overline{) 157.5} \\ \underline{15} \\ 075 \\ \underline{75} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

30.15

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you add 3.8 to all of
the schools test meaning.

Bayview - 3.89

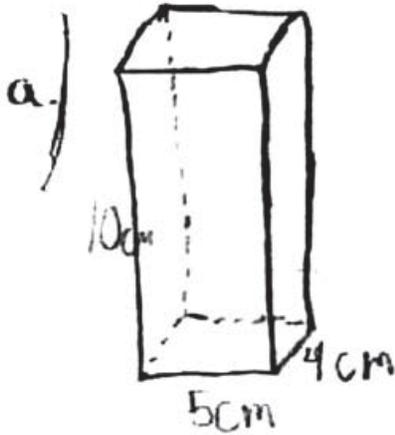
Mountain top - 3.44

Sunset - 29.6

Evergreen - 33.8

Gateway - 34.8

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$$B = bh$$

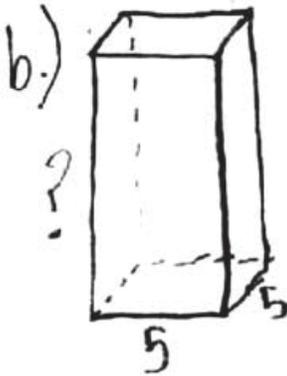
$$B = 5 \cdot 4$$

$$B = 20$$

$$V = Bh$$

$$V = 20 \cdot 10$$

$$V = 200 \text{ cm}^3$$



1)

$$B = bh$$

$$B = 5 \cdot 5$$

$$B = 25$$

$$V = Bh$$

$$3) V = 25 \cdot 8$$

$$V = 200 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$h = V \div B$$

$$2) h = 200 \div 25$$

$$h = 8 \leftarrow \text{answer}$$

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$$a. 200 \text{ cm}^3$$

(area of) $b \times h$

$$b = 20$$

$$h = 10$$

$$b. 5 \times 5 = 25$$

$$25 \times 8 = 200$$

$$\text{height} = 8$$

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$$a. V = 200 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$V = \text{area of base} \cdot h$$

$$V = B \cdot h$$

$$5 \cdot 4 = 20$$

$$20 \cdot h$$

$$20 \cdot 10 =$$

$$200 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$b. 5 \cdot 5 = 25 \quad 25 \cdot 8 =$$

$$25 \cdot h = 200$$

$$25 \cdot 8 = 200 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$25 \text{ cm} \cdot 8 \text{ cm} = 200 \text{ cm}^3$$

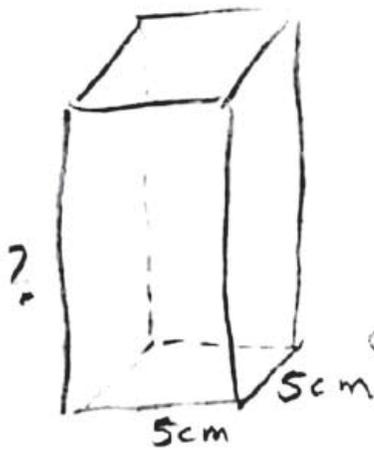
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a) 208 in cubic centimeters

$$V = L \times W \times h$$

$$4 \times 5 \times 10 = 208 \text{ cm}$$

b)



$$V = L \times W \times h = 208$$

$$V = 5 \times 5 \times h = 208$$

$$V = \frac{25 \times h}{25} = \frac{208}{25}$$

$$V = 8.32 \text{ cm}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a) & 10 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \\ & 10 \cdot 20 \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \\ & \boxed{200_{cm^2}} \end{aligned}$$

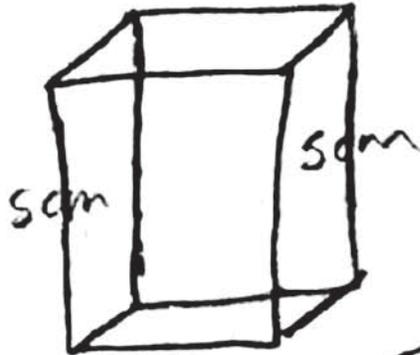
$$\begin{aligned} b) & 5 \cdot 5 \cdot x = 200 \\ & \quad \quad \quad \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \\ & 20 \cdot x = 200 \\ & \frac{20}{20} \quad \quad \quad \frac{200}{20} \\ & \hline & \boxed{x = 10} \end{aligned}$$

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$$a. 10 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 200$$

$$\hat{50} \cdot 4 = 200 \text{ cubic centimeters.}$$

b.



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$$200 \div 5 = 40$$

$$40 \div 2 = 20$$

20cm

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A. its 200

B. its 8

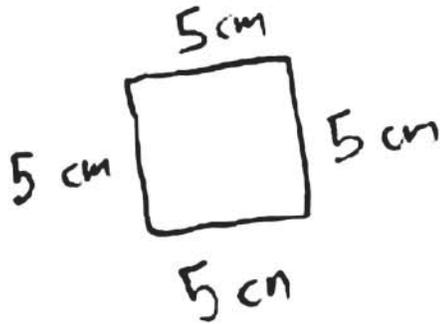
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(A) 180 cm because the base is

$5 \text{ cm} \times 4 = 18 \text{ cm}$ then height is 10 cm so

$$18 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm} = 180 \text{ cm}$$

(B)



5 cm base / 5 cm height

$$5 \times 5 = 25$$

answer = 25

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A. The volume in cubic cm is 40 because the length is 10 and the width is 4 and you do $10 \times 4 = 40$ to get the answer.

B. If the volume is the same as A and the side lengths are 5 the width is 8 because $8 \times 5 = 40$.



Writing

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I think some helpful advice that Jenny Benson could give to youth soccer players is to follow your dreams. Jenny might have started out playing soccer a few years later than the other kids, but she realized she loved it and worked hard to get to where she is now. It is very difficult to be able to play at a professional level, but Jenny believed in herself and followed her dream. Everyone should have dreams, and work as hard as they can to accomplish them. Even if it seems too difficult or challenging, if it is something you love it is something that you should work for. Never give up and never let go. Do not settle for anything less than the best you can do. Always set high goals for yourself and work your way up. Work as hard as you can, because it is definitely worth the climb.

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Jenny Benson should tell young soccer players to believe in themselves, and to concentrate on having fun. Jenny Benson sounds like she has a really positive attitude and that was what made her so successful. She should tell soccer players her story so they will become self confident about their own soccer career! Jenny should tell everyone about how she knows the sun will always come up after a bad day, to show how she got help getting through the soccer seasons.

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Jenny Benson's advice is to have fun while doing something you love, and believe in yourself. If you take things too seriously, you can easily lose sight of why you started playing to begin with. Believing in yourself is important because it helps to be positive and know in your head and your heart that you can succeed if you do your best.

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As long as you believe in your
you can do any thing you put your
blind to. Soccer is supposed to be
fun. Just do your best.

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I think that the coach should be responsible for the football team's feelings and the coach did the right thing. She let them play the game.

Allowing a person that is 14 years old to get their drivers license, is giving as much responsibility to them as they would have paying taxes. Most 14-year-olds are not mature enough to handle driving. An example of this is that a 14 year-old may be driving with their friends and is distracted. The driver turns around to look at something and the car crashes into the car in front. The immaturity of a driver could kill and injure other people. Another reason is that these young teenagers could drive wherever they wanted. They could easily disobey their parents. This freedom could get a 14-year-old into a dangerous situation. My final reason is that not all 14-year-olds have grown to their full adult size yet. Some people that are 14 are still too small to reach all of the pedals and brakes in a regular size car. In conclusion, I think waiting another year or two would be a safe choice for everyone.

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I do not think kids should get their driver's license at age 14. Firstly, they don't have the maturity. They haven't had enough experience using their own judgement. Secondly, 14 is an age where you are still a kid and shouldn't be given the responsibility to drive. Thirdly, I think, at that age, kids are going through tough changes and need to, again, experience with their own judgement because they haven't been put in tough situations. Getting your driver's license at age 14 is too young and 14 year olds are not ready for the responsibility.

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yes, because most kids now a days know the basics to driving a car because the parents teach them and also you can start driving with a permit when your 15/15+ as long your with a parent guardian over the age of 18.

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No I dont think people should get their drivers License at the age of 14 because they are to irresponsible. Furthermore I dont even think people should get a drivers license until the age of 18 because before that the people are still children and way to irresponsible.

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I think that they should not have there driver's license at age 14 I think they should have there driver's license at age 16.

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The youngest son took 2 rings out of his pocket.

He said to his father, "One for each of us so we'll never be apart no matter the circumstances."

His two brothers looked at him as if he was insane.

The eldest son said, "You didn't fill the room, none of us inherit the house and possessions."

"Think again," said his father, "Your brother has outwitted you both. He's filled the room with love, not by buying the rings, but with the love he shares, he inherits it all."

The two brothers stamp out of the house.

"I know you could do it all along, you really are my cleverest son."

The End

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The youngest son revealed that he had bought paper and a pencil. Earlier that day he had drawn portraits of how loving and caring his father was. Although that is not what filled the room, the love for his father is what not only filled the room but everything in it. The father's heart was warmed when he saw how clever his son had been. Then he said, "Ah, you my boy are indeed the cleverest, you have filled the room with the greatest thing of all, love." So the eldest and middle boy ran from the house sobbing that their youngest brother had outwitted them and gotten everything father had owned.

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I think the room was filled with the rest of his families emotions. I'm thinking that he got something that was really good and it made his two other brothers and his father smile, So I think the room was filled with smiles and happiness.

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The Youngest Son filled the room with the two things he bought from a little shop, and with feathers, and straw.

I would end the story with the father Dying of illness, and the three sons split the house.

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were bad and some
were good. the father was
kind of nice but he
had some problems

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The idea of this report would be the basis of show in the 60's and the basis now.

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I will be talking about how TV has changed to suit the more advanced world. Also, I will write about why TV had to change to suit the "new generation" audience.

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The conclusion will be how much TV has improved or has unimproved.

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Today when we sit down and turn on the television to our favorite show, it probably isn't the same thing your parents and grandparents were watching when they were kids. TVs weren't even popular in color yet. Back then TV was about a pure and superb acting job, not special effects and computer generated images. It is amazing and shocking to see how far we've come.

Most shows on television now have special effects in them now to make them

Seem more real. Back in the 60's an explosion would be created by special sound effects and the camera man shaking his camera. An explosion today however is nothing more than typing certain elements into the computer. Sometimes they will even create an actual explosion using dynamite. If people saw this in the 60's they would be shocked and surprised. Now we as Americans, come to expect it.

In the 1960's you could turn on your family television and watch Dick Van Dyke or Batman, etc. Most of the shows were short, simple, and to the point. Today if those were the only elements you could bet that television network would be losing some ratings. Even the way we watch TV has changed. Back then, families had made one TV and you could all fit around it if you were lucky. Today in America most households have up to 4, 5, or maybe even 6 TVs. All with men and women on the other end making notes on how many times we tune into their station or network, and what particular show we watch. Sure they probably did that in

the 60's, but I'm sure it wasn't as competitive. Today we have shows running until 9:03 just so we can get hooked and the other networks will lose for three minutes. Shouldn't it be about the viewer and not about the network?

When you turn on the television and you turn to NBC, CBS, and ABC, what is it that you are expecting to find lately? Reality shows! Everything is about competing now whether it being a race around the world, being stranded on an island, or eating bugs. It's all about reality. I guess that's what the people want. They want to see people doing this that they would never do even for a million dollars. One million dollars which will be payed to you over the course of 40 years. Some prize right?

Today TV has changed. Maybe for the better or maybe for the worse. It sure is more exciting isn't it? But maybe, just maybe TV should return to the nice innocent and funny TV that they had in the '60's. Wouldn't that be grand?

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My focus is on the pros and cons of TV changing since 1965.

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The top shows back then, the causes of obesity in the United States, amount of TV watched per day, political stats on how TV works for them, and the percentages back then compared to now.

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I conclude that overall, I think TV has changed for the better since 1965.

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Television back in 1965 was a lot different than it is now. Most operated in black and white screens, with only three television networks: NBC, CBS, and ABC. The oldest, NBC, began in 1926 as a radio network. Having only this many channels compares greatly to the over 100 the average channels we have today. This has both an advantage and disadvantage to it. Since there wasn't that many channels back then, people watched less television than they do

today. The difference of hours watched was 5 hours and 30 minutes on average compared the 7 hour average the TV spends operating today. I believe this is one of the causes of obesity in our society, with Americans just sitting around being couch potatoes. On the other hand, I think the amount of information that is put out over television now keeps our country better informed on what is happening in our world.

On the subject of keeping the United States informed about things, back in 1965, it is a fact that political ads had just barely become common. This is an extreme contrast on the amount of information on political ads for presidential campaigns put on TV today. There is so much put out, most families place their votes based on the information they see on television. I think it is better now that there is so much advertising of it.

The top five shows on television in 1965 were Bonanza; Gomer Pyle, USMC; The Lucy Show, The Red Skelton Hour, and Batman.

These shows must have been good, because I know that Batman and I Love Lucy are still adequately popular today. There are a lot of junk soap operas now, which seem to just take up space that could be used for something else halfway decent. I believe there was more of an effort put in the making of shows back then.

Technology has drastically changed for the better since 1964. Back then, 7% of the TV's were in color; now 99% are.

Only 2.4% of households used cable; about 70% do now. Cable was used in areas where it was difficult to get a good signal.

Last, there were no VCRs and DVD players. Today, 90% of households use VCRs. They have become important objects in our lives.

In conclusion, I think the change in television since 1965 has its pros and cons.

I believe it has mostly changed for the better, besides the fact that TV is one of the #1 causes of obesity. Overall, I think TV is an important feature in our lives and most families today could not possibly live without their televisions!

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Television today has drastically
changed from how it was in 1965.

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Only 7% of TVs were in color, ^{then} 70% now are in color. 90% of households have access to a VCR. No DDT or VCR's then. No political ads. Only 3 networks, ~~but~~

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Though television has evolved it is still the favorite past time of many people.

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Television today has greatly evolved from what it once was, 40 years ago. The shows found on t.v were much different, as well as how they appeared.

Back in 1964 only 94% of American households had a television. Now, in 2005, 98% of American households have at least one television, some even have

5. Cable, which only 2.4% of Americans had back then, was once only used where it was difficult to get a good signal. Now we have cable to expand our viewing pleasures. Some cable companies give us to 300 channels!

Almost all of the televisions in 1964 were black and white, but it wasn't like you could tell the difference because the shows were in black and white anyway. The shows they had back then are almost extinct on televisions

today. The Lucy Show, once popular in 1965, can only be found on one or two channels now. Not that many people are still interested in those shows. Most of them were westerns, or about detectives, and people nowadays want **MODERN** action shows, not cowboys having duels.

Back in 1965 if you missed your show then you'd have to wait until it replays. Now, all you have to do is set the VCR to record it. Also with VCR's you can watch ^{save} your favorite movies any time you want, as long as you have the tape.

As you can see, television has greatly evolved from what it once was. Though it has drastically changed it is still most American's favorite past time.

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Then there was only a few channels
on tv to choose from, now there are
hundreds.

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Three major networks then, in 1965,
NBC, CBS, and ABC. Now there are
so many channels you need a
special button on your remote to
go up to 100 or more.

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You can see tv has changed over
the years and will probably keep changing
for years to come

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As you probably know TV has changed throughout the years. Technology has and is running most American households. Here is just a taste of how TV has changed over time.

In 1965 there were just three major television networks but now there are countless channels you can trust. NBC, CBS, and ABC were the television leaders and other channels were rare. Now with the help of cable and satellite television you have three-hundred channels or more to choose from. TV programs and talk shows last only a half hour and are on one channel or another at any moment of the day. You can find every type of program for any person. A animal show for the pet lover, a car show for the car lover. Any age is accounted for, cartoons for children, or craft shows for the older women. If you want it you've got it!

As you can see just from this report, ~~the~~ television has changed over the years and will continue to change for years to come.

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tv and some people did not sawe now
there is info. about it.

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They were small and black and white
Not every household had a TV. They did
not have a VCR or DVD then.
People would watch 5 hours and
30 minutes.

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People today like tv a lot beter
then 1926 or 1965.

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I was born in 1990 and I did not like tv until I found out that when my grandmother did not have colored tv's. They did not have a tv at all.

When tv's were around they were not as big as they are now and they only had three or four channels.

People hardly had televisions only 94% had them now it is 98%.

In 1964 only 7% of the television were colored and now 99% of them are.

Well all I am saying is people that had black and white tv like colored tv better than black and white. They also like it better because they get better channels.

Well I like it better than black and white.

14 The focus of my report is to explain how tv of 1965 is to tv now.

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The facts from the fact sheet, and the information I already know.

16 There are some differences back then
tv was black and white. Now we have VCR's

17 In 1965 tv was black and white, real big, they had bad reception and not many channels. Now we have VCR's, DVD players, a lot of channels, and big and small tv's.

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