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## CJN 255: Extra-Credit Assignment Ten: TV RIP

**Due: April 12<sup>th</sup>.** This is extra credit work and therefore late work **will not** be accepted. Any points you receive will be added to your Unit Three exam score (not to exceed 100%).

**Instructions:** Pick one of the TV shows listed below that was cancelled during the 2006-2007 television season. Research why the program you picked was cancelled. Start your research at the links provided below, but also conduct your own search for additional information. Answer the following questions: Identify specific problems that may have contributed to the program's failure to stay on the air. Why do you think the program failed? What is your interpretation of the information you examined? Do you think the program was pulled due to problems with the program itself (bad story/acting, too niche for a wide audience) or with the industry in general (too expensive, poor ratings, controversial subject)?

In the second half of your paper, consider a television show you regularly watched that was cancelled. It could be recent or old. Was your program a good one that deserved to stay on television, or was it time for the show to end? What made it good? What was possibly weak about the show? Was it simply on too long and needed to end, or could the network have saved the show? What do you think are the qualities of a successful program?

### Research Links:

Trevor Kimball, TV Series Finale. Listen to Kimball's podcast about cancelled programs. He provides lots of good information and opinion about network decisions to cancel shows:  
<http://recordings.talkshoe.com/TC-21892/TS-16043.mp3>

More information about the cancelled shows listed below:

[www.tvseriesfinale.com/2006/12/200607\\_cancelled\\_shows\\_missing\\_tv\\_series\\_and\\_upset.php](http://www.tvseriesfinale.com/2006/12/200607_cancelled_shows_missing_tv_series_and_upset.php)

Watch promo videos of some of the cancelled shows:

[www.tvseriesfinale.com/2007/01/2006\\_2007\\_cancelled\\_shows\\_videos\\_of\\_the\\_dearly\\_dep.php](http://www.tvseriesfinale.com/2007/01/2006_2007_cancelled_shows_videos_of_the_dearly_dep.php)

### 2006 - 2007 Cancelled Shows

*Smith* – CBS

*Kidnapped* – NBC

*Runaway* – CW

*Happy Hour* – Fox

*The Rich List* – Fox

*Twenty Good Years* – NBC

*Justice* – Fox

*Seventh Heaven* – CW

*Vanished* – Fox

*Six Degrees* – ABC

*The Nine* – ABC

*3 Lbs.* – CBS

*Show Me the Money* – ABC

*Help Me Help You* – ABC

*Day Break* – ABC