

Five & Five

In this activity, you will compare and contrast popular TV talent shows—*The Original Amateur Hour* and *American Idol*—using this month's "Yesterday & Today" feature.

Directions: In the box on the left, write five facts about *The Original Amateur Hour* that you learned from the "Yesterday & Today" article. In the box on the right, write five facts about *American Idol*.

Facts	
<i>The Original Amateur Hour</i>	<i>American Idol</i>
1. _____ _____ _____	1. _____ _____ _____
2. _____ _____ _____	2. _____ _____ _____
3. _____ _____ _____	3. _____ _____ _____
4. _____ _____ _____	4. _____ _____ _____
5. _____ _____ _____	5. _____ _____ _____

Critical Thinking

Use your list to write a well-organized paragraph in which you compare and contrast Ted Mack's early television talent-show hit with today's highest-rated TV program. (Use a separate piece of paper.)