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5. What was the name of the company that Lucy and Desi formed?
  - a. Arnaz and Company
  - b. Laughter Incorporated
  - c. Desilu Productions
  
6. The *I Love Lucy* show was the first to record using film, the first to use multiple cameras, and the first to have:
  - a. A live studio audience.
  - b. More than one writer.
  - c. A live band.



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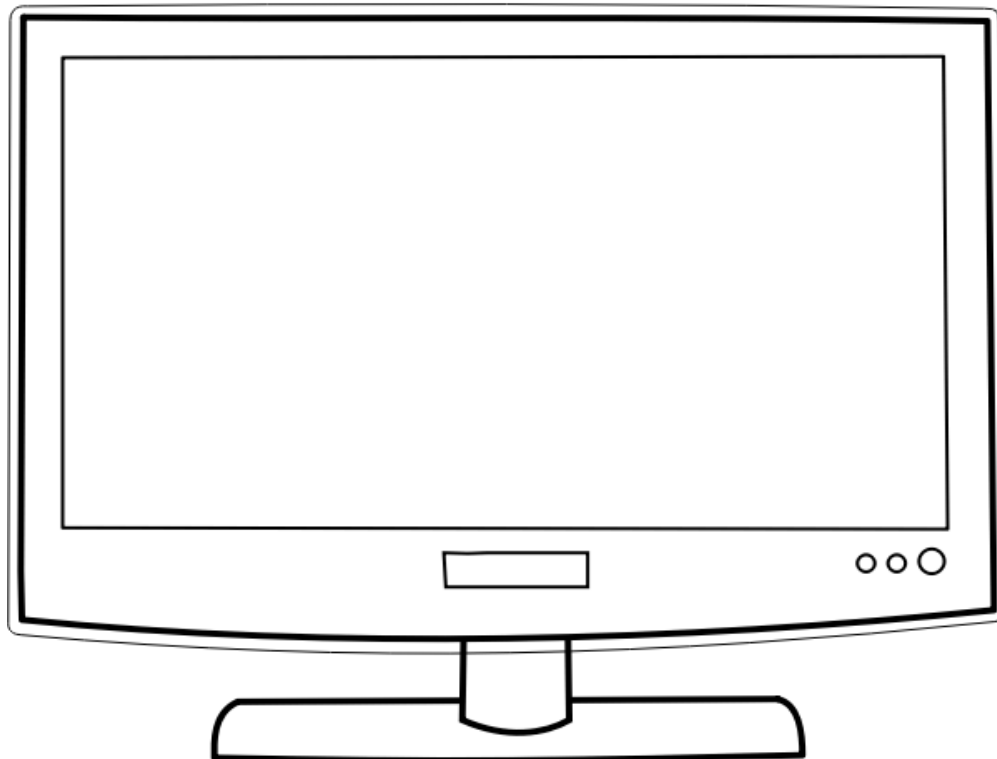
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Sample answer: When he first arrived in America, Desi Arnaz quickly took English classes and got a part-time job. After graduating high school, he formed his band and joined a touring company. From there, Desi Arnaz auditioned for Broadway plays and movies. He met and married Lucy, and they teamed up to create *I Love Lucy*.

8. Explain how Desi and Lucy turned discrimination into one of their biggest strengths.

Sample answer: TV executives feared showing a mixed marriage on the show. They wanted Lucy to have a white husband. But Lucy and Desi knew that America wanted to see their lives, and they were right. Desi and Lucy started their own company. Americans were happy to see the growing diversity in their country. The show was a huge hit!

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Answers will vary.