

## CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER (1967)

"Star Wars and Vietnam"

Gene Roddenberry, two pilot episodes.

The first episode was filmed in 1964. I was born in 1963. So as far back as I can remember, there was Star Trek. The original series was on the air from 1967 through 1969. NASA's first manned flight around the moon was in 1968, and lots of NASA engineers watched and loved this show. The space shuttle ENTERPRISE was named after the starship ENTERPRISE in this show.

Roddenberry died in 1991. His ashes flew on the space shuttle Columbia in 1992. Star Trek was a TV show always about issues, and about getting around the censors.

Prime Directive of non-interference, first contact episodes, war episodes, time travel episodes. Hiring the best writers, different one every week, when Roddenberry wasn't writing himself. Always, his vision.

Positive vision of the future - African, Scot, Jap, redneck, farmboy, alien (don't explain yet) - Chekov's story. You won't see him here because this is a year one episode. No Chinese!

A mirror and an engine for change. You will learn more about America from Star Trek than you did from Family Album USA

Year one won awards (especially this episode) but lost money, so NBC wanted to cancel it. So many letters. Year two, more awards and lost money, even more letters. They moved it against Gunsmoke to kill it. Syndication saved it -- show come from the network (Friends, Growing Pains, national news) during certain times and not others (local news, old movies they got cheap) -- when I watched it.

Conventions and merchandising

Star Wars makes lots of money, so Star Trek became a movie. Now it's a franchise.

They released their 10th movie earlier this year. By the way, I hated it. They've made a total of five TV series, and one is still on the air. They started showing it after I left the US, so I haven't seen it.

The absence of profanity for two reasons

Spock is a Vulcan. Vulcans don't have emotions. They are ruled only by logic, and they are highly intelligent.

1	00:00	Sulu fried, Bones fried and runs from the bridge, credits <i>to boldly go where no man/one has gone before</i>
2	03:45	Bones beams out, through the portal, Enterprise gone
3	11:54	Kirk and Spock go back, theft, run, into the mission
4	18:05	Edith Keeler, a flop
5	24:34	Spock needs <i>platinum</i> , tools, walk me home, her obit, FDR meets Keeler
6	33:37	Bones arrives, goes to mission, Spock solves it all
7	41:51	Kiss on the stairs, Bones in back <i>Clark Gable</i>
	49:20	The End

Who would you kill to save millions of lives? Start stupid by pointing at classmates, your VAO teacher, etc. Work up to mother father. Would I kill Jan? And, finally, let them know that ole Kirk falls in love like that every week.

Did you see emotions in Spock?