

Interpreting political cartoons can help you understand issues of the past and the present. Use this worksheet to help you analyze the illustrations and words in a political cartoon.

Images	Words
List the people, things, or symbols that you see in the cartoon.	<p>What is the cartoon title?</p> <p>What is the cartoon caption?</p> <p>What words or phrases are used to identify people, things, or symbols in the cartoon?</p> <p>Are there any date or number references in the cartoon? List them below.</p>
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What do you think the people, things, or symbols represent?	<p>Do any words or phrases in the cartoon seem important? Which ones? Why do you think so?</p> <p>Describe the overall emotions, or feelings, that the cartoon portrays.</p>
Conclusions	
<p>What action is taking place in the cartoon?</p> <p>What is the message of the cartoon?</p> <p>Who might agree with the ideas in the cartoon? Who might disagree? Explain.</p>	