Want To Have Some Fun With Technology and Political Cartoons?

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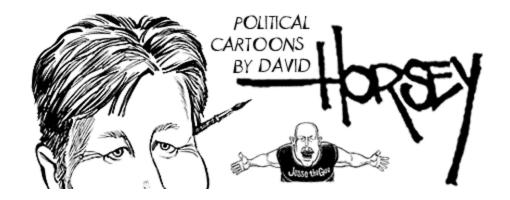
Political and Editorial Cartoons In U.S. History

http://dewey.chs.chico.k12.ca.us/edpolcart.html

- Political cartoons are for the most part composed of two elements:
 - caricature, which parodies the individual, and allusion, which creates the situation or context into which the individual is placed.
- Caricature as a Western discipline goes back to Leonardo da Vinci's artistic explorations of "the ideal type of deformity"-- the grotesque-- which he used to better understand the concept of ideal beauty

- Develop Cognitive
 Thinking and Higher
 Levels of Evaluation,
 Analysis and Synthesis
- Create Student Drawings and Interpretations
- Express Personal Opinions
- Real World Issues
- Authentic Learning
- Critical Observation and Interpretation
- Perspective

- Historical and Government Events
- Group Work
- Individual Work
- Current Events
- Sports Events
- Editorial Issues
- Foreign Language and Foreign Events
- Visual Literacy and Interpretation
- Warm-up Activities
- Writing Prompts



A good editorial cartoonist can produce smiles at the nation's breakfast tables and, at the same time, screams around the White House. That's the point of cartooning: to tickle those who agree with you, torture those who don't, and maybe sway the remainder.

Why include Political Cartoons in your curriculum?

My goal was to somehow get the students to think in a more advanced way about current events and to make connections to both past and present

Tammy Sulsona

Cartoon Analysis

Level 1 Visuals Words (not all cartoons include words)

List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.

Identify the cartoon caption and/or title.

Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon.

Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon.

Level 2 Visuals Words

Which of the objects on your list are symbols?

What do you think each symbol means?

Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?

List adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon.

Level 3

Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.

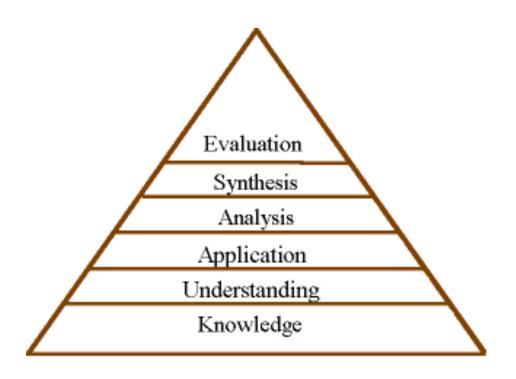
Explain how the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols.

Explain the message of the cartoon.

What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?

http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/analysis_worksheets/cartoon.html

Bloom's Taxonomy



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- What ideas can you add to...?
- How would you create/design a new...?
- What might happen if you combined...?
- What solutions would you suggest for...?

EVALUATION

making value decisions about issues; resolving controversies or differences of opinion; development of opinions, judgements or decisions

- Do you agree...?
- What do you think about...?
- What is the most important...?
- Place the following in order of priority...
- How would you decide about...?
- What criteria would you use to assess...?

Political Cartoons Throughout History

- Political cartoons began to appear in 1700 as a means of communicating political news and ideas to a broader audience.
- At that time the majority of people could not read.
- Political cartoons represented their only link to current political news and ideas.
- They have endured because they continue to present the ideas of the day in a succinct and entertaining format.

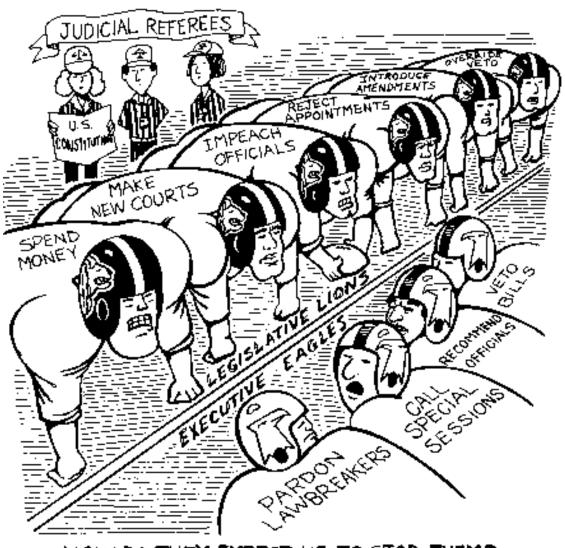
http://histpres.mtsu.edu/then/Documents/page9.html

 Benjamin Franklin's "Join or Die", which depicts a snake whose severed parts represent the Colonies, is acknowledged as the first political cartoon in America.



Marbury v. Madison (1803)

http://www.landmarkcases.org/marbury/cartoon.html



HOW DO THEY EXPECT US TO STOP THEM?

Marbury v. Madison (1803)

Political Cartoon Analysis

Analyze the cartoon in terms of its meaning related to the *Marbury* v. *Madison* case.

- What do you see in the cartoon? Make a list. Include objects, people, and any characteristics that seem to be exaggerated.
- Which of the items on the list from Question 1 are symbols? What does each symbol stand for?
- What is happening in the cartoon?
- What is the cartoonist's message?
- Do you agree or disagree with the message? Explain your answer.

Thomas Nast

- In 1873, Nast used his <u>Harper's Weekly</u> cartoons to crusade against New York City's political boss <u>William Magear Tweed</u>, and he devised the Tammany tiger for this crusade.
- He popularized the <u>elephant</u> to symbolize the Republican Party and the <u>donkey</u> as the symbol for the Democratic Party, and created the "modern" image of <u>Santa Claus</u>.
- Thomas Nast's obituary in 1902, Harper's Weekly stated, "He has been called ... the Father of American Caricature."

Thomas Nast's Santa

"Santa Claus in Camp,"

Cover

Harper's Weekly, January 3, 1863,

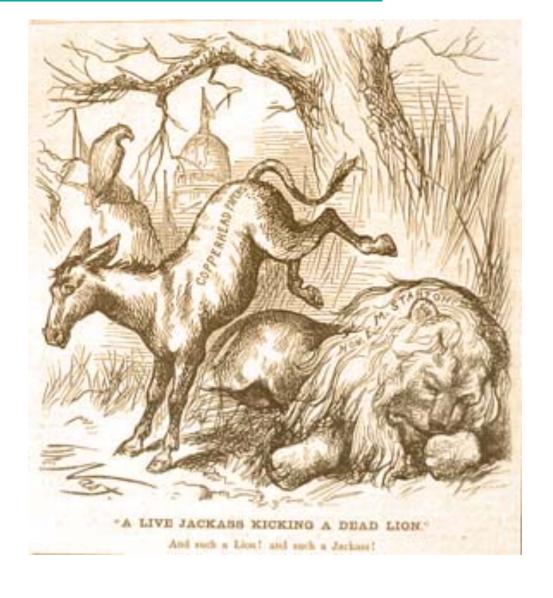
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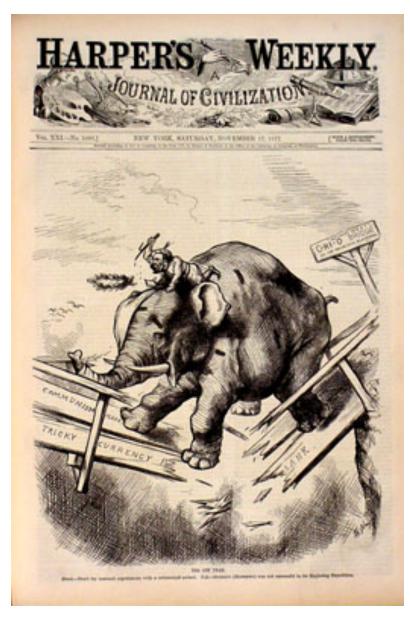
Thomas Nast's Donkey

http://cartoons.osu.edu/nast/kicking lion.htm

The donkey first appeared as a symbol for the Democratic Party in the 1830s when the Democrat Andrew Jackson was President. The donkey continued in American political commentary as a symbol for the Democratic Party thereafter.



Thomas Nast's Elephant



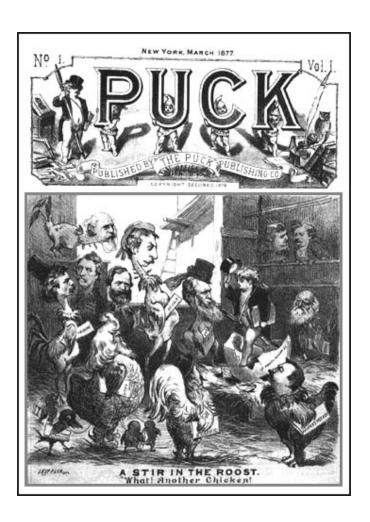
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The elephant has been a symbol of strength since Roman times. It is believed that the first use by the Republican Party dates from a printer's cut of an elephant during Abraham Lincoln's 1860 presidential campaign.

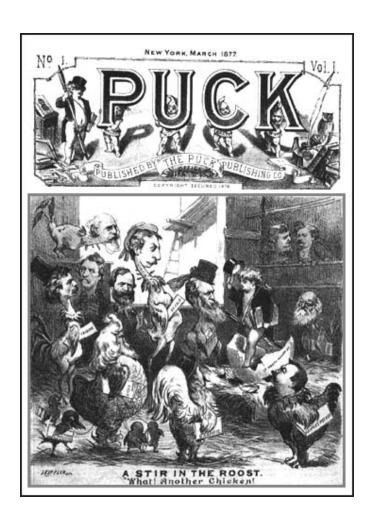
Thomas Nast was a staunch Republican, and he deliberately chose the elephant as a symbol for his own Party because of the animal's great size, intelligence, strength, and dignity.

The elephant first appeared in his 1874 cartoon, "The Third Term Panic," which expresses fear that Grant would run for a third term as President. Nast continued using the elephant thereafter, and gradually it became the Republican icon as it was adopted by other cartoonist.

Puck



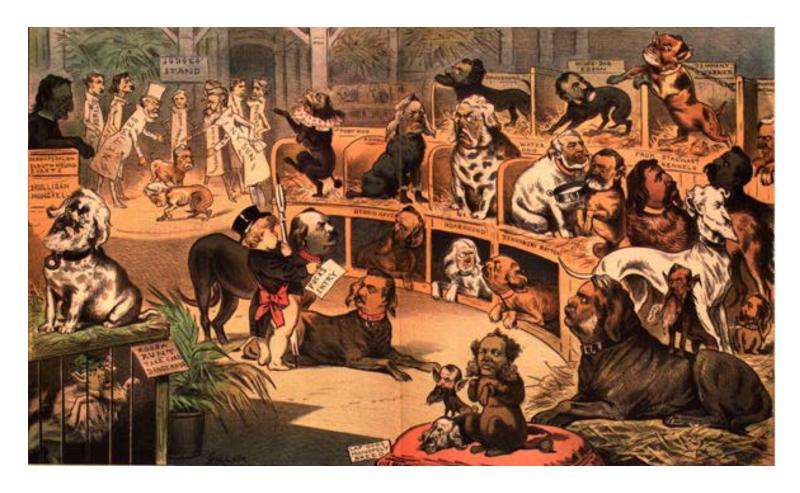
Building off of the personoriented caricature, other small details in Puck usually regarded the transformation of certain objects into symbolic counterparts. Some of the cartoon's look as if the main characters are about to be crowded out of the frame by the various and sundry symbols piled up around them;



The rise of photography in the nineteenth century had a great deal of impact on the cartoons in *Puck*

"Our National Dog Show" June 16, 1880

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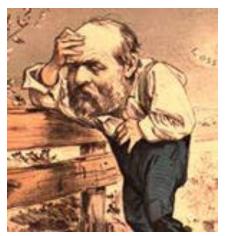


The caricature of public men as different breeds of canine affords plenty of humor in itself: they are all of a similar non-human species, but they have each been endowed with peculiar personal traits by nature of their specific pedigrees

Caricatures

James A. Garfield (1881)





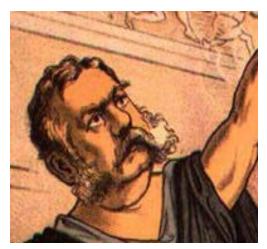


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Chester A. Arthur (1881-1885)







Vocabulary of Political Cartoons

Vocabulary of Political/Editorial Cartoons

Editorial (political) cartoons are illustrations.

Editorial (political) cartoons are located in the editorial section, (sometimes called the Op-Ed section,) of newspapers.

Editorial (political) cartoons are designed to make the reader think about current issues and to sway the reader toward the cartoonist's point of view.

- Editorial An article presenting an editor's point of view or opinion
- Cynical Distrusting of people's motives
- Symbol Something that stands for or represents something else
- Caption Title of a Drawing or illustration
- Personification Attributing human characteristics to animals or other objects

Exaggeration/Caricature: Overstating an aspect of a problem or exaggerating a person's physical features

Analogy: Comparing two things; for instance, directly or indirectly comparing a situation or event with a historical or fictional event

Irony: Contrasting (often humorously) between appearance or expectation and reality

Political Cartoons and the United States Presidency

Dr. Eric Roorda, Bellarmine University



Andrew Jackson grew up in NC, moved to TN.

He was the first Democrat, elected in the first election when men without property could vote.

He used presidential power so much that critics accused him of ruling like a king. That was ironic, because Andy was the first president who was poor as a child and had little formal education. But he ignored the Supreme Court when it ruled in favor of the Cherokee Nation, and threatened war against SC 28 over federal tax policy.

Many political cartoons of the time made fun of Lincoln.



COLUMBIA DEMANDS HER CHILDREN!



Some were really harsh!

Abe Lincoln grew up in IN and KY, then moved to IL. Like Jackson, he came from a poor family.

The first member of the new Republican Party to become president, he also used his power very vigorously during the Civil War, such as abolishing slavery.



Theodore Roosevelt was the first urban president, born and raised in New York City.

After a period when the presidents were not very powerful, the next strong president was Teddy, who was a Republican (also called the Party of Lincoln or the GOP, for Grand Old Party).

He traveled widely in his youth, and was the first president to leave the country while in office, to Panama to see the Canal being built.

Three former or future presidents vied for the White House in 1912.

TR from NY, incumbent William Taft of OH, and Woodrow Wilson, who grew up in VA and moved to NJ. It was a close election, won by Democrat Wilson when TR's third party, the "Bull Moose" or "Progressive" party, split the Republicans, led by Taft. All three were fun to draw!

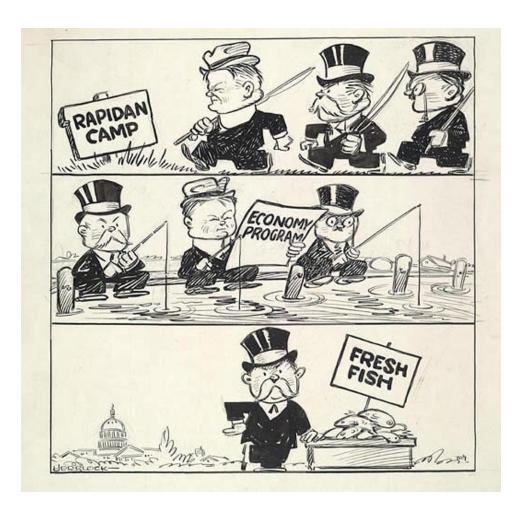




"Progressive" means using the government to solve social problems. Presidents of both political parties have been "progressive," putting federal authority to work for people. TR and WW were both very progressive, one GOP, the other Dem. Wilson had been a teacher and college president, and as Chief Executive, he tried to teach the world to behave peacefully. But his policies led to war in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and in Europe during WW3I.

Wilson spent months in Paris during his presidency, negotiating the end of WWI. Herbert Hoover was the most widely traveled of the presidents during his career as a mining engineer, including periods spent living in China and Australia before he entered government service.

Hoover was the third Republican president in a row following Wilson. The stock market crash and Great Depression ruined his chances for re-election. He became identified with rich bankers...





...which was ironic, because Hoover, like Jackson and Lincoln, was very poor as a child. He grew up in a tiny shack in IA, was an orphan at the age of ten, yet made it to college at Stanford in CA.

He believed that government power should be used very sparingly, and that the "rugged individualism" of the Americans would lead them to help themselves and each other through hard times. His views changed, shown in cartoons by Iowan "Ding" 35 Darling, his friend.



FDR was the most progressive of all, in terms of laws passed. Like distant cousin Teddy, Franklin was a NY boy, but very rich!

Unlike Teddy, FDR was a Democrat, and he pronounced his name "rose-a-velt," not "roos-a-velt," like TR did. Franklin married Teddy's niece, Eleanor Roosevelt, who was the first strong First Lady since Dolly Madison.

Although he grew up in a mansion on the Hudson River and traveled around Europe as a teenager, FDR ID'd himself as a friend of "The Forgotten Man."

Breaking Down Economic Isolation





Franklin Roosevelt was also an internationalist, who tried to bring countries together in trade and peace pacts. But the economic isolation depicted here turned to war in Europe in 1939, so FDR was the first and last to run for a third, then a fourth, term in office.

"John Bull" is the British Uncle Sam!

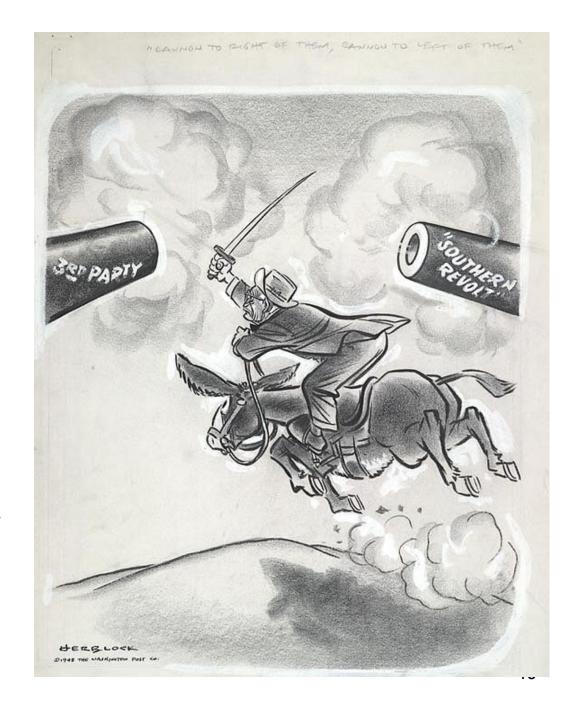
FDR developed strong opinions about the British and German people during his bike tour at age 17.

Before and during WWII, FDR traveled around the world to meetings: Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Iran, and the Crimean Peninsula on the Black Sea in Russia.



Harry Truman from MO was the fourth different VP for FDR, who became president when he died.

Facing election on his own, the former haberdasher from Kansas City ran into trouble with Democrats in the South. Some of them formed a third party called the "Dixie-crats," with Strom Thurmond of SC as candidate. Truman won anyway.





Dwight Eisenhower from KS was one of six brothers who grew up on a farm in Abilene. He worked at a dairy to put his brother through college, then went to West Point himself.

Serving a career in the Army and rising to be the top general in Europe during WWII, "Ike" had never voted in his life when he ran for president! Both parties asked the great warrior to represent them in 1952!

The Civil Rights Movement gained momentum during his two terms.

Although accused of inaction here, he enforced the Brown school integration ruling of the Supreme Court by sending troops into Little Rock, AK.

John F. Kennedy from MA was the son of a man who became wealthy from illegal activities such as smuggling, who went on to be ambassador to England!

JFK hurt his back in a shipwreck during WWII, but he became a Democratic senator and then the first Catholic president.

World War Three almost began when he was president, in the famous Cuban Missile Crisis. He and Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev are the subjects of this cartoon about the Cold War menace.

"LET'S GET A LOCK FOR THIS THING"





Lyndon Baines Johnson took over when JFK was killed. He was from TX, where his father was a failure as a farmer in the drought-prone hill region near Austin, but a success as a state legislator.

LBJ was a big man who could use his size and powerful personality intimidate people in "the Johnson treatment," towering over them as shown here.

He was a progressive, inspired by FDR. His "Great Society" package included civil rights laws that only a southerner could propose, and "War on Poverty" aid for Appalachian and urban poor.

Richard Nixon was the first suburban president, growing up near Los Angeles, CA. He had trouble with his public image while serving as Eisenhower's VP. This 1954 cartoon accused him of Red Scare sewer politics for the GOP cause. After losing to JFK in 1960, he came back in 1968, when LBJ bowed out of the race due to the Vietnam War.



After squeaking through in the violent, tight, 3-party election of 1968, Nixon won a landslide in 1972.

Nixon traveled widely as VP and President, including a historic visit to China. But he was never popular with the print press, and cartoonists had a field day with his long nose and heavy jowls. His morose expression got gloomier as the twin crises of Vietnam and the Watergate Scandal wrecked his presidency.

Once one of the most powerful presidents, he became the only one to resign, doing so in 1974.





Jimmy Carter grew up in a small town in GA called Plains, where his family farmed peanuts. After a career in the Navy and as governor, he campaigned as an "outsider" in the wake of the Watergate scandal.

Nixon had been the first
Republican to sweep the "Solid
South" from the Democrats since
the end of Reconstruction, but
Carter won it back in the
bicentennial election year of
1976. A weak though honest
executive, Carter was doomed by
the Iran hostage crisis.

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Ronald Reagan grew up in small towns in IL before seeking his career as an actor in Hollywood. After performing in many movies and TV shows, he was elected governor of CA. Trained as a strong communicator, his style contrasted with Carter's low-key "fireside chats," which he borrowed from FDR.

Reagan was a strong president with a Republican Congress who served two terms. He was not a progressive, believing that private power was preferable to that of the government in solving problems.



Political Cartoonists



Dr. Seuss Went to War: A Catalog of Political Cartoons By

Theodor Seuss Geisel

http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/speccoll/dspolitic/

Society of Red Tape Cutters Elects Roosevelt



Note: 1942 Cartoon using the signature Dr. Seuss http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/speccoll/dspolitig/

Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel, 1904-1991) was a life-long cartoonist: in high school in Springfield, Massachusetts; in college at Dartmouth (Class of 1925); as an adman in New York City before World War Ш.



Cartoon using the signature · Dr. Seuss

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But for two years, 1941-1943, Seuss was the chief editorial cartoonist for the New York newspaper *PM* (1940-1948), and for that journal he drew over 400 editorial cartoons.





Buy United States Savings Bonds and Stamps

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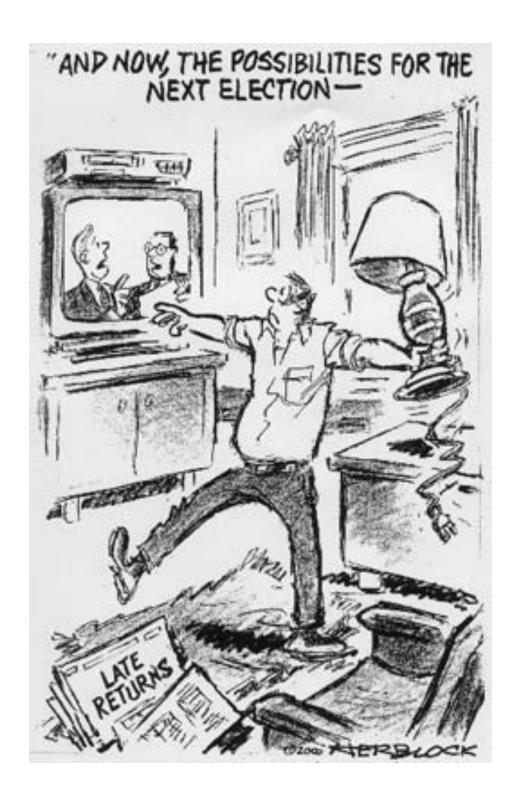
One Buck out of Every 10!



The Buck (with the \$ antlers) looks like a familiar Dr. Seuss character

Dr. Seuss drew a set of war bonds "cartoons" which appeared in many newspapers as well as in *PM*





Herb Block

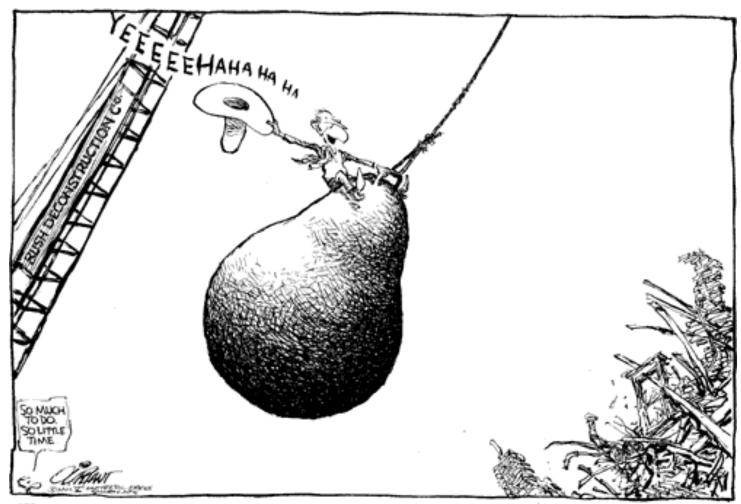
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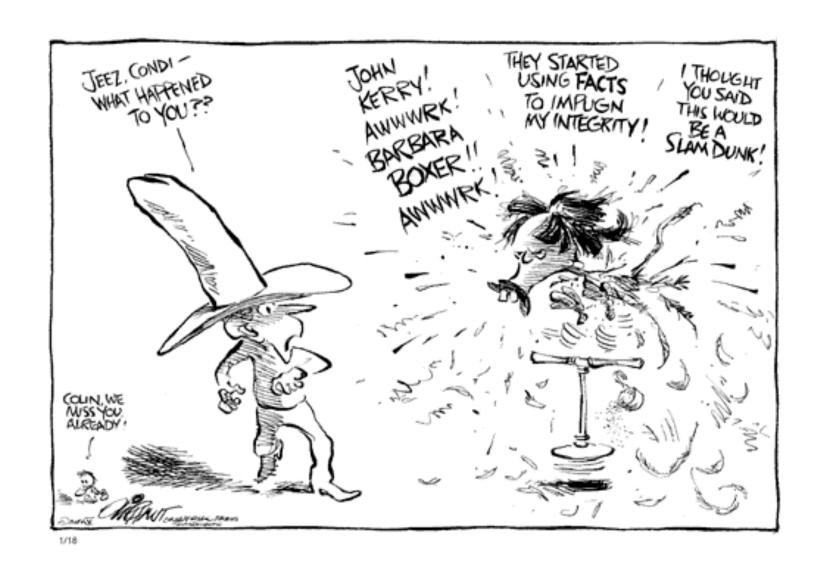


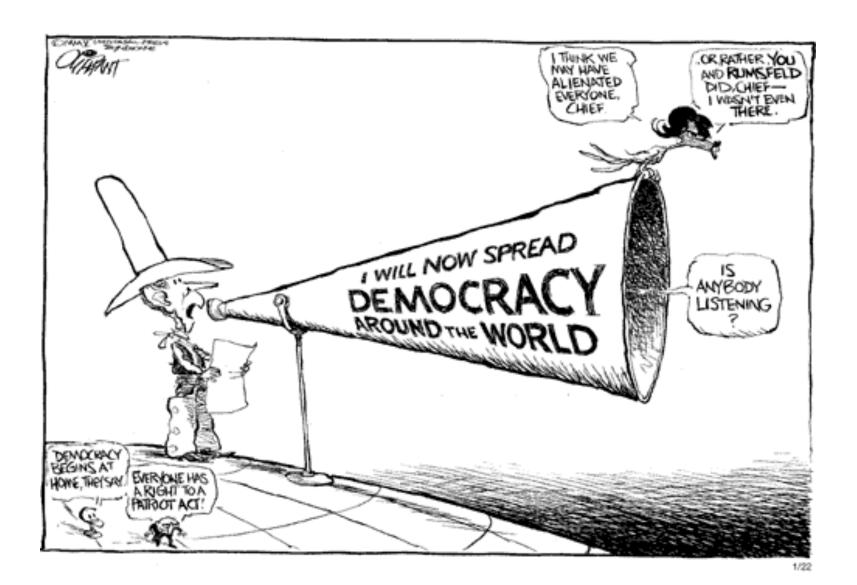
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No one is safe from the acid brush of Pat Oliphant, acknowledged by many as the nation's most influential political cartoonist. A master of what he calls "confrontational art," Oliphant spares neither the liberal nor conservative, sinner nor saint. As the most widely syndicated political cartoonist in the world and a winner of the Pulitzer, he produces work that is as visually stunning as it is metaphorically powerful.











 Oliphant won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning in 1966 with this cartoon showing Ho Chi Minh, president of North Vietnam, carrying a dead Viet Cong soldier.





A Gallup Poll surveying the Democrats in the 1980 presidential campaign was released on December 11, 1979. It showed President Jimmy Carter ahead of Senator Edward Kennedy for the first time in two years

http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/oliphant/part1.html



George Bush

The enviornmentalist as well as....

"Read my lips—No new taxes!"

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1992
Independent
presidential
candidate Ross
Perot



During the 1992 election Clinton had been featured playing his saxophone on numerous occasions throughout the campaign





IT'S REVEILLE IN AMERICA!

The side comments by the Oliphant narrator



". . . BUT FIRST, LET'S HEAR YOUR POSITION ON THE ALASKA PIPELINE AND INDEPENDENT GAS DISTRIBUTORS!"

The side comments by the Oliphant narrator₆₉



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NCS Reuben Award
winner!





Ed Gamble, the firstever editorial cartoonist for The Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville, knows how to make his point. The awardwinning cartoonist has been nationally syndicated for more than 20 years

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Award winner!





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Register



Mike Smith. Award-winning editorial cartoonist for the Las Vegas Sun

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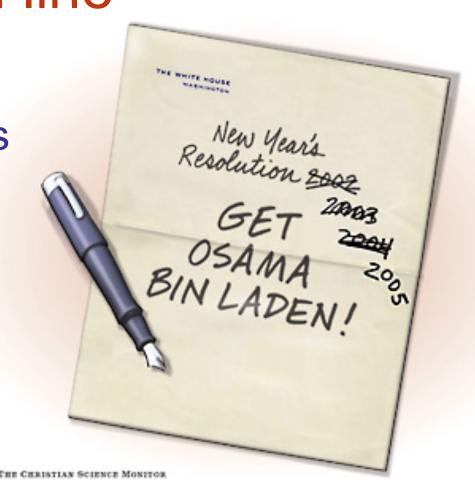
More Political Cartoonists ON LINE

- Style of the drawing
- The student can draw his/her own
- What the artist is trying to say
- How timely (Regionally appropriate, locally, nationally
- Analyze, evaluate, synthesize information
- Caption/no caption
- Non-readers of History

Favorite Editorial Cartoonists on line

Christian Science Monitor
Clay Bennett Cartoons

THE EDITORIAL CARTOONS OF CLAY BENNETT



http://www.csmonitor.com/news/clayLatest15Static?ftml







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Clay Bennett

 Born January 20, 1958 in Clinton, South Carolina. Growing up the son of a career army officer, he led a nomadic life, attending ten different schools before graduating in 1976 from S. R. Butler High School in Huntsville, Alabama.

Served as editorial cartoonist for his college paper and managing editor of the alternative student newspaper while attending the University of North Alabama. Graduated in 1980 with degrees in Art and History.

 Worked as a staff artist for both the Pittsburgh Post- Gazette and The Fayetteville (NC) Times before accepting the editorial cartooning position with the St. Petersburg Times in 1981.

Leaving the *Times* in 1994, he trained in computer graphics and digital animation to create fully animated editorial cartoons for the internet while continuing to produce print cartoons for syndicated distribution.

 In 1998 he joined the staff of <u>The Christian Science Monitor</u> where he produces five cartoons a week, all in full color.

Some of Clay Bennett's AWARDS:

Grand Prize, 2004 National Population Cartoon Contest

2004 National Headliner Award for Editorial Cartoons

Finalist, 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning

2002 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning

2002 Best Editorial Cartoons, The National Cartoonists Society

2002 National Journalism Award, Scripps Howard Foundation

2001 Sigma Delta Chi Award, Society of Professional Journalists

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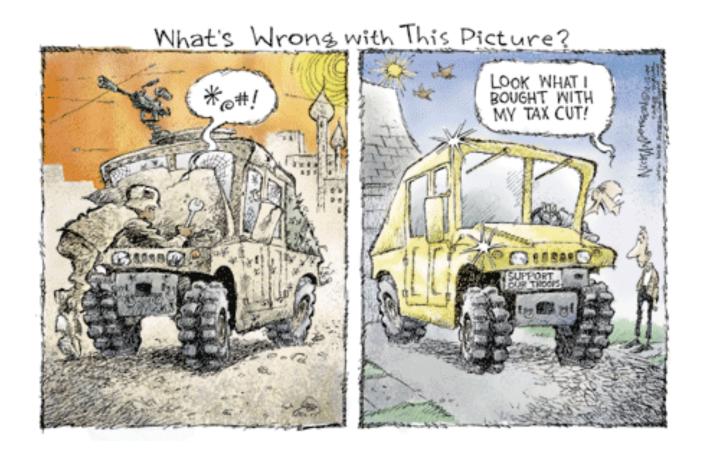
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About Nick Anderson

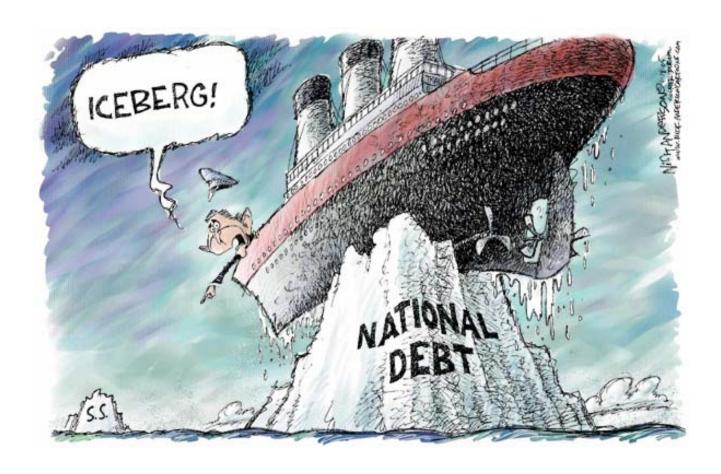
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- The Washington Post Writers Group says, "Nick Anderson brings a fresh, youthful approach to editorial cartooning. His clean lines and classic style belie an unconventional message that carries wide appeal."
- Since joining the Louisville Courier-Journal in January 1991, a month after graduating from Ohio State, Anderson's cartoons have been published in Newsweek, The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, and the Chicago Tribune.
- At Ohio State, Anderson majored in political science and was editorial cartoonist for the university newspaper.

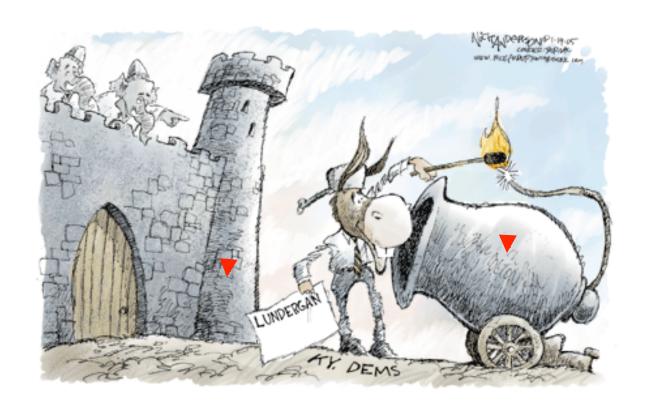
- He interned one summer with The Courier-Journal.
 After graduation, the newspaper created a position for him as associate editorial cartoonist and illustrator.
 He was promoted to chief editorial cartoonist in September, 1995
- Anderson, 34, grew up in Toledo, Ohio, in a family that was apolitical. At 15, he started drawing cartoons for his high school newspaper and immediately knew his calling.
- In his spare time, he enjoys mountain biking and kayaking. In 1988 he cycled across the country from Oregon to Massachusetts. He lives in Louisville with his wife Cecilia, and their sons Colton and Travis.
- His son's names are hidden in all of Nick's cartoons.



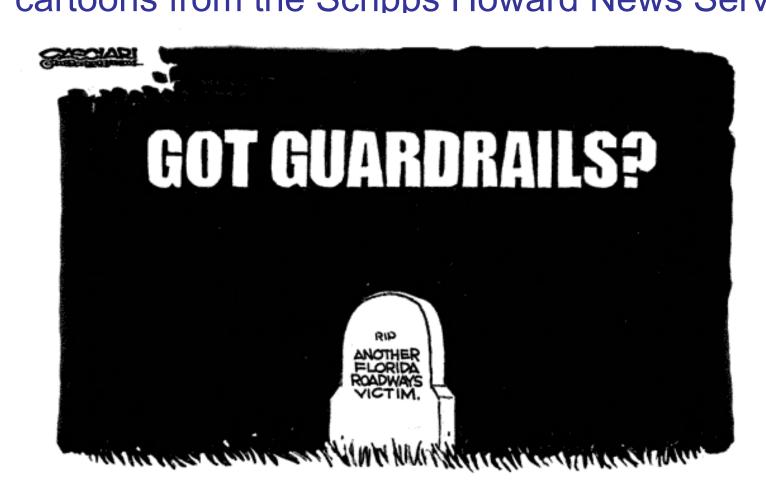




Travis and Colton



James Casciari - Award winning editorial cartoons from the Scripps Howard News Service



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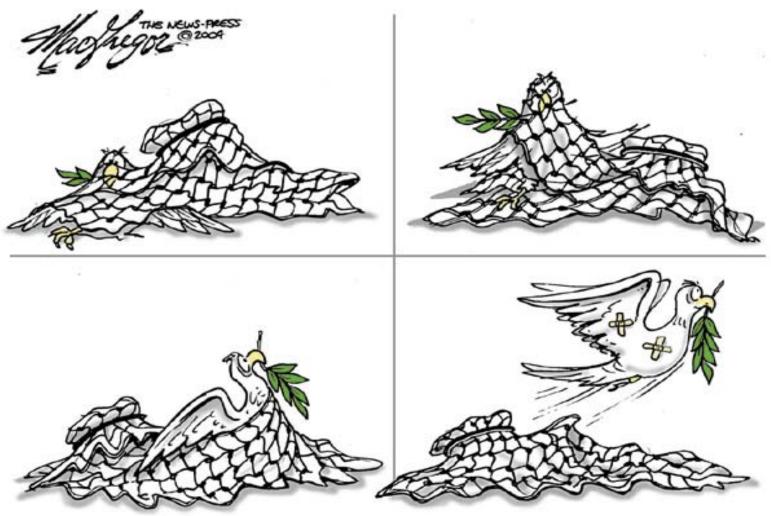
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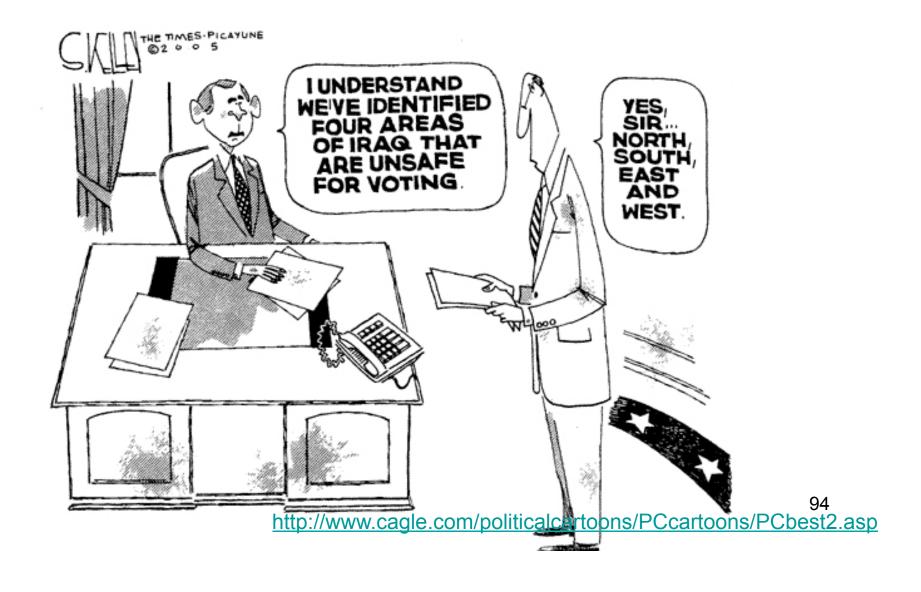
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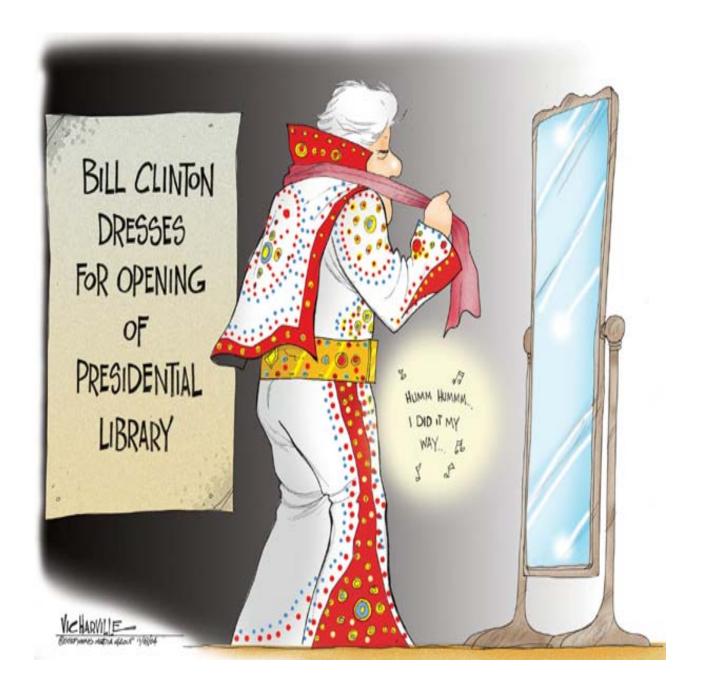


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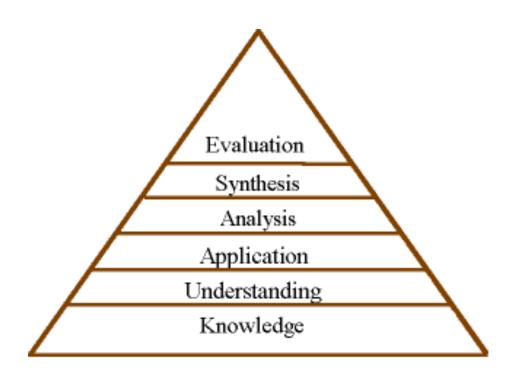


Additional Comments

At first students are critical because it requires them to think, later on their chores become interesting challenges. I believe teaching through editorial cartoons is the way to reach many students who will not read the textbook or a newspaper.

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EVALUATION

making value decisions about issues; resolving controversies or differences of opinion; development of opinions, judgements or decisions

- Do you agree...?
- What do you think about...?
- What is the most important...?
- Place the following in order of priority...
- How would you decide about...?
- What criteria would you use to assess...?

Garner's Multiple Intelligences

Linguistic: syntax, phonology, semantics, pragmatics

Musical: pitch, rhythm, timbre

Logical mathematical: number, categorization, relations

accurate mental visualization/transformation of images **Spatial:**

Bodily kinesthetic: control of one's own body, control in handling objects

awareness of others' feelings, emotions, goals, **Interpersonal:**

motivations

awareness of one's own feelings, emotions, goals, **Intrapersonal:**

motivations

recognition and classification of objects in the

Naturalist: environment

MarcoPolo

http://www.marcopolo-education.org



Partner Developed Content



1. Drawing Political Cartoons

Note: Click above to connect directly to this resource.

The purpose of using **political cartoons** is to develop both factual knowledge and interpretive skills. In this lesson, from ARTSEDGE, students explore background information on current events, analyze a **political cartoon** or drawing, and then create a polit...

Grade: 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Display Full Record



2. Political Cartoon Questions

Note: Click above to connect directly to this resource.

This student interactive accompanies the EconEdLink lesson titled "One is Silver and the Other's Gold." This activity has students answer questions about a **political cartoon**. In the lesson, students learn about the money supply and that it...

Grade: 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 <u>Display Full Record</u>



3. Boston Tea Party

Note: Click above to connect directly to this resource.

This calendar entry, from ReadWriteThink, focuses on the Boston Tea Party. Two hundred and thirty years ago, a group of angry colonists disguised themselves as Native Americans and dumped tea into the Boston Harbor in an act of defiance to the British Gov...

Grade: All Display Full Record



4. The Campaign of 1840: The Democrats, the Whigs, and the Issues
Note: Click above to connect directly to this resource.

This lesson plan from EDSITEment introduces students to the personalities and issues behind the 1840 American presidential campaign, called "the first modern campaign." Students investigate the differences between the Whigs and Democrats and con...

Grade: 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Display Full Record

Drawing Political Cartoons

Lesson Overview:

The purpose of using political cartoons is to develop both factual knowledge and interpretive skills. Students must have background information before they can analyze a political cartoon or drawing, so it is easiest to teach this skill using a current event. Once the students have mastered the analysis of current events, they should able to approach similar tasks with historical cartoons and drawings.

Length of Lesson:

Four 45-minute periods

Instructional Objectives:

Students will:

- analyze visual and language clues to determine the meaning of contemporary and historical political cartoons.
- create a political cartoon based on a current event.

http://www.artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/2100/

Instructional Plan: Introduction

- Read the following quote to the class:
 - "A cartoonist is a writer and artist, philosopher, and punster, cynic and community conscience. He seldom tells a joke, and often tells the truth, which is funnier. In addition, the cartoonist is more than a social critic who tries to amuse, infuriate, or educate. He is also, unconsciously, a reporter and historian. Cartoons of the past leave records of their times that reveal how people lived, what they thought, how they dressed and acted, what their amusements and prejudices were, and what the issues of the day were." (Ruff and Nelson, p. 75)
- Tell students that they will be creating a political cartoon based on a current event, providing them with their own opportunity to leave a record of their time.

In one of Charles Schulz's Peanuts strips, Lucy announces that she's going to be a political cartoonist "lashing out with my crayon." Just as Charlie Brown asks the subject of her work, she strikes the paper with such a bold stroke that it snaps her crayon in half. "I'm lashing out," she says, "at the people who make these stupid crayons."

http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/swann/herblock/cartoon.html

The following are suggestions for analyzing cartoons:

- Every cartoon should be placed in a historical and geographical context (i.e., time and place).
- All personalities represented in a cartoon should be identified.
- Cartoon analysis should finish with a description of the overall message of the cartoon.
- Students must be taught how to interpret symbols, the visual clues sent out from the cartoon, as well as how to interpret captions, the verbal clues sent out from the cartoon.
- Students need to pay attention to size and placement of people, objects, symbols, and writing on the cartoon.
- Teachers should select cartoons according to the students' knowledge and ability level.
- Teachers should get the class to brainstorm ideas to evoke different responses. Divergent answers should be accepted. Interpretation must be open-ended.

Rubric for Student Created Political Cartoon

:•	Needs Work	Satisfactory	Strong
Context	Cartoon reflects today's society	Cartoon reflects a controversial issue in today's society.	Cartoon reflects the complexities of a controversial issue in today's society.
Caption	Title's connection to the design and issue is unclear.	Title is related to the design and issue.	Title is related to design and provides a clear verbal clue about meaning and issue.
Design	Work incorporates design elements in a limited fashion.	Work incorporates at least two important elements of political cartoon design.	Work incorporates three or more design elements as visual clues about the meaning of political cartoons
Oral Presenta- tion	Discusses cartoon in a general way.	Articulates both the context and design elements of cartoon	Presents a synthesis of issues and identifies how the elements contribute to meaning.

Targeted Standards:

The National Standards For Arts Education:

Visual Arts (9-12)

Standard 4: Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures

Visual Arts (9-12)

Standard 6: Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines

Other National Standards:

Historical Understanding IV (9-12) Standard 1: Understands and knows how to analyze chronological relationships and patterns
 Historical Understanding IV (9-12) Standard 2: Understands the historical perspective

Political Cartoons: Introduction to Symbols

- Discuss why symbols are used and why they are effective
- The students will decide together what the actual meaning of each symbol is.
- The students can then show their knowledge through a group project where they develop their own cartoons

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/teacher_lessons/cartoon_symbol.htm

- Divide students into groups and have them examine political cartoons at
- 1948 Campaign Political Cartoons.
- Make a list of the symbols used in these cartoons. Have each group discuss what they think the symbols mean

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/teacher_lessons/cartoon_symbol.htm

Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Deception: Was It Successful? You Decide!

FDR Cartoons



- Overview: By viewing historic photos and political cartoons, students will examine the success of FDR's attempts to hide the extent of his physical disability.
- Student Activity: After presenting the above introduction, explain to the students that they are to work in groups of three or four and come to a group consensus regarding whether FDR was successful or unsuccessful in concealing the extent of his disability from the American people. They will do this by examining the large collection of historic photos and political cartoons available on the Internet
- After coming to their conclusions, they will choose two photos and two political cartoons that they believe provide the best evidence to support their position. Each group will present their photos and cartoons along with an explanation, to the rest of the class.

EDITORIAL CARTOONS

http://www.comics.com/categories/index.html

Brian Adcock Robert Ariail **Best of Latin America** Chuck Asay Steve Benson Chip Bok Darvl Cagle Cam Cardow Patrick Chappatte John Cole **Bob Englehart Brain Fairrington Jerry Holbert** Sandy Huffaker Etta Hulme Mike Keefe Mike Lane Mike Lester

Drew Litton Mike Luckovich Vince O'Farrell Jeff Parker **Henry Payne Stephane Peray** Dan Reynolds Rob Rogers Bill Schorr Jeff Stahler **Ed Stein** Paul Szep Tab **Gary Varvel Monte Wolverton Larry Wright**

A Sampling of Political Cartoons Online

Lesson Plans and Resources For Teachers Grades K-12

TEACHERS GUIDE! http://www.cagle.com/teacher/

National Archives

http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/

lessons/analysis_worksheets/cartoon.html

Newspapers in Education http://nieonline.com/detroit/cftc.cfm

http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/main.asp

Canadian Artists

Aislin Montreal Gazette Bado Journal LeDroit/Ottawa **Cameron Cardow** Ottawa Citizen **Patrick Corrigan** Toronto Star **Gary Clement** National Post, Toronto **Dale Cummings** Winnipeg Free-Press **Michael DeAdder** Halifax Daily News **Tim Dolighan** Canada Freelance **Andy Donato Toronto Sun**

WorldWide Artists

Brian Adcock Scotland **Wolfgang Ammer** Vienna. Austria **Anjomrooz Sepideh** Teĥran, Iran **Arcadio Esquivel** San Jose, Costa Rica Ares Latin America **Ross Bateup** Adelaide, Australia Fritz Behrendt **Netherlands** Joep Bertrams Amsterdam, Netherlands **Bleibel** Beirut, Lebanon

American Artists

 Lalo Alcaraz L.A. Weekly **Eric Allie** Pioneer Press (IL) Kirk Anderson St Paul Pioneer Press **Nick Anderson** Louisville Courier-Journal **Chuck Asay** Colorade Springs Gazette **Robert Ariail** The State, SC **Rex Babin** Sacramento Bee **Pat Bagley** Salt Lake Tribune, UT

 Scott Bateman National/Freelance **Bruce Beattie Daytona News-Journal Clay Bennett** Christian Science Monitor **Steve Benson** Arizona Republic Randy Bish Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Chip Bok Akron Beacon-Journal John Branch San Antonio Express-News

 Steve Breen San Diego Union-Tribune **Chris Britt** State Journal-Register **Gary Brookins** Richmond Times-Dispatch **Jonathan Brown** Deseret News, Utah **Daryl Cagle** Slate.com **James Casciari** Scripps Howard **Ken Catalino** National/Freelance

David Catrow Springfield News-Sun M. e. Cohen National/Freelance John Cole **Durham Herald-Sun Paul Combs** Tampa Tribune **Paul Conrad** Tribune Media Services J.D. Crowe Mobile Register **Tom Curry** Alpine Observer, TX **Jeff Danziger** Miami Herald

Teacher Guide!

http://www.cagle.com/teacher/

Grades 6 through 8 / Lesson Plans www.cagle.com/teacher

Objectives: Students will be able to better understand the importance of current events.

Materials: Computer lab with internet access-1 station per 2 students

Activities: Explore significant events from the news through an investigation of editorial cartoons.

Direct students to log onto interent & proceed to www.cagle.com & select editorial cartoons contents page from the left hand navigation column then select editorial cartoons:

TEACHERS GUIDE! http://www.cagle.com/teacher/

This is the Teachers' Guide for using the

Professional Cartoonists Index web site in your classes. We have developed lesson plans for using the editorial cartoons as a teaching tool in Social Sciences, Art, Journalism and English at all levels --click on the icons to the left to visit our lesson plans.

We're working with our friends at ClassBrain to create new daily lesson plans. We will feature five new cartoons each week, often with comments by the cartoonists who drew the cartoons. Click on the arrow to scroll through the five cartoon lesson plans. Teacher's are welcome to print these cartoons out for use in their classrooms --you don't have to ask for permission. We may give you permission to republish these cartoons in your publications also, contact cari@cagle.com.

Lesson plans http://nieonline.com/detroit/cftc.cfm

Elementary (K-4)

Middle (5-8)

Secondary (9-12)

Current events

Geography Quiz

Detroit Pop Quiz

Quiz Archive

Today in history

Cartoons for the Classroom

Cartoons for the Classroom Presented in cooperation with the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists (AAEC)

http://nieonline.com/detroit/cftc.cfm

Current Events Project #1

By Artist - Mike Lester, The Rome News-Tribune Project - Sarah Lane & Cynthia Kirkeby



In a move that sparked many a raised eyebrow the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will examine the ban on using cellular telephones on airborne aircraft. They will explore technical options for permitting controlled use of cellular handsets and other wireless devices on airborne aircraft as a means to increase communications options available to the travelling public, as well as public safety personnel.

The FCC currently requires all cellular handsets to be turned off once an aircraft leaves the ground to avoid interfering with terrestrial cellular systems. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) restricts the use of mobile telephones and other portable electronic devices on aircraft.

Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?

What's the most annoying thing anyone has ever done on an aircraft while you were flying?

If the Commission were to relax the current ban, what would be the advantages?

What would be the disadvantages?

Is airborne connectivity or communication options for wireless users a priority for you?

Do you think this change will actually go into effect? If so, when?

Sites to See

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

- Students will look at all editorial cartoons on all the pages & record all the events depicted. Can be done individually or in pairs.
- Students will write a general description of cartoons for which they are not aware of a specific event.

- Compare & contrast the lists generated
- Homework: Write about the significance of one of the events depicted in the editorial cartoons.
- Evaluation: Assess comprehension of the events depicted through discussion & written assignment.



Cartoon Analysis

Level 1 Visuals Words (not all cartoons include words)

List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.

Identify the cartoon caption and/or title.

Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon.

Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon.

Level 2 Visuals Words

Which of the objects on your list are symbols?

What do you think each symbol means?

Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?

List adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon.

Level 3

Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.

Explain how the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols.

Explain the message of the cartoon.

What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message 1.26 Why?

http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/analysis_worksheets/cartoon.html

- Find an example of an editorial cartoon in a newspaper, and briefly analyze it by answering the following questions on your own paper. Then, share and discuss your cartoon and analysis with a group of two or three classmates.
- What is the issue addressed in the cartoon?
- What do you think is the cartoonist's opinion about the issue?
- Which techniques (symbolism, exaggeration/caricature, analogy, or irony) are used in the cartoon?
- Is the cartoon humorous? What makes it humorous?
- What is another opinion a person could have about the issue treated in the cartoon?
- How could the cartoon be revised to communicate that opinion?

Editorial Cartoons Uncle Sam & Terrorism

http://www.classbrain.com/artfree/publish/article_120.shtml

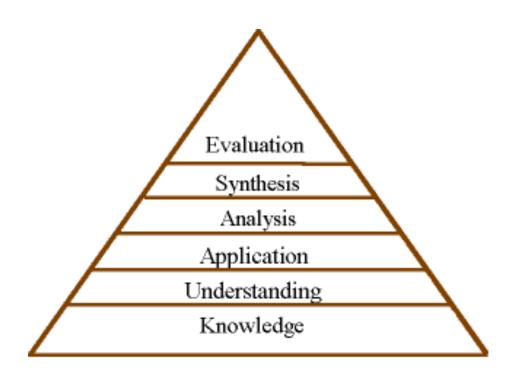


Additional Comments

We always have a great discussion in class when we have PC Fridays! (Political Cartoons Friday) This is probably the only class in which students get to say what they think without fear of "being wrong". Everyone's opinion is important and it drives home the fact that we live in a free society in which these political views can be expressed.

http://nieonline.com/detroit/cftc.cfm?cftcfeature=feedback

Bloom's Taxonomy



NETS/ISTE Standards

National Educational Technology Standards (NETS)

Technology productivity students

Students use technology tools to enhance learning and promote creativity

Technology communication tools

Students use telecommunications to interact with peers, experts and other audiences.

Students use a variety of media and formats to communicate information and ideas effectively to multiple audiences.

Technology research tools

Students use technology to locate, evaluate and collect information from a variety of sources.

Technology problem-solving and decision making tools

Students use technology resources for problem solving and making informed decisions.

Sunshine State Standards

Social studies: Grades 6-8

Time, Continuity, and Change [History]

- (SS.A.1.3) Standard 1: The student understands historical chronology and the historical perspective.
- 2. knows the relative value of primary and secondary sources and uses this information to draw conclusions from historical sources such as data in charts, tables, graphs.

Social Studies Curriculum Standards

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August 31, 2001

at Level 3, the student is able to

 3.6.tpi.9. explain a point of view with reasons, evidence and support.

Sixth Grade

analogy (part to whole/function), appositive caption, chronology common feature criticism dialect (introduction) edit literal vs. figurative point of view (1st, 3rd limited, and 3rd omniscient)

Seventh Grade

analogy (verb forms, rhymes), anecdote
assumption /assume,
clarify, generalization
imagery, imagery,
inconsistency, interpretation
literary elements (irony, mood, foreshadowing,
flashback, tone, symbolism)
revision, stereotype, strategy

Eighth Grade

allusion (define concept with simple illustrations)
bias, coherent order, debate
dramatization, jargon
persuasive writing techniques
synthesize/analyze

Political Cartoons on the Web History of Political Cartoons

http://www.boondocksnet.com/gallery/pc_links.html

- History of Caricature
 - By James Parton, *Harper's Monthly* (Feb.-Dec. 1875), links to the full magazine publication of Parton's landmark scholarly study of the history of political cartoons from Ancient times to the 1870s, fully illustrated throughout.
- America in Caricature, 1765-1865
 Exhibit at the Lilly Library, Indiana University, with text and a selection of color prints by William Charles and caricatures of Abraham Lincoln and others
- Scartoons: Racial Satire and the Civil War
 Student project by Ian Finseth that gives an overview of the
 development of political cartoons and analyzes racial caricatures of
 the Civil War era, at the American Studies program, University of
 Virginia.

- Australian Political Cartooning -- A Rich Tradition
 Article with selected cartoons from a National Museum of Australia exhibit, at Australia's Cultural Network.
- Caricature and Caricaturists
 By Richard Grant White, Harper's Monthly 24 (April 1862), page images at Making of America, Cornell University.
- Contemporary American Caricature
 By John Ames Mitchell, Scribner's Magazine 6 (Dec. 1889), page images at Making of America, Cornell University.

Early Political Caricature in America
 By Joseph Bucklin Bishop, Century Magazine 44 (June 1892), page images at Making of America, Cornell University.

The Civil War Envelopes By J. Howe Adams, New England Magazine 18 (March 1895), page images at Making of America, Cornell University.

- Cartoonists on Stage: Lecture Bureau Advertisements
 Links to more than one hundred brochures, broadsides and other
 advertisements for stage performances by cartoonists in the lecture
 circuit during the first decades of the twentieth century.
- Kate Carew
 Brief biographical sketch and an interview with Kate Carew, one of the earliest female political cartoonists, at Barbara Schmidt's Twainquotes.com site.

Collections of Historical Political Cartoons

 Herblock's History: Political Cartoons from the Crash to the Millenium

Exhibit of Herbert Block's cartoons from 1929 to 2000, with an essay by Block about cartoons.

Thomas Nast

Part of Judy Brody's *Graphic Witness* site featuring a good introduction to Nast's work and many of his cartoons.

Frederick Burr Opper

Part of Judy Brody's *Graphic Witness* site featuring the "Willie and His Papa" cartoons published in William Randolph Hearst's *New York Evening Journal* during and after the 1900 presidential campaign.

Frank Beard: An American Illustrator and Caricaturist

Brief biographical sketch and a solid collection of his cartoons for *The Ram's Horn* on religious and reform issues, at the History Department, Ohio State University.

Cartoons by Horace Taylor Cartoonist for The Vardiet with

Cartoonist for *The Verdict*, with a good sidebar on the magazine's political purpose, at the History Department, Ohio State University.

• Cartoons of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Color cartoons from *The Verdict*, at the History Department, Ohio State University.

William McKinley in Political Cartoons
 Color cartoons from The Verdict, at the History
 Department, Ohio State University.

A Gallery of Pen Sketches in Black and White of Our Michigan Friends "As We See 'Em."
 By the Newspaper Cartoonists' Association of Michigan (1905), page images at the Library of Congress.

http://nhs.needham.k12.ma.us/nhs media/cartoonspolitical.html

America in Caricature, 1765-1865

http://www.indiana.edu/~liblilly/cartoon/cartoons.html
Political Cartoons of the Lilly Library; topics include: About
Caricatures, The Colonial Years 1765-1798, The War of 1812,
Abraham Lincoln 1860-1865.

Cartoons of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era
http://www.cohums.ohio-state.edu/history/projects/uscartoons/GAPECartoons.htm
Cartoons from the Anti-Trust movement, Anti-Imperialism
Movement, Election of 1900, Careers of Teddy Roosevelt and

William McKinley.

Dr. Seuss Went to War

http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/speccoll/dspolitic/

Theodore Giesel was the chief editorial cartoonist from 1941-1943, for the New York newspaper PM (1940-1948), and for that journal he drew over 400 editorial cartoons.

<u>The Era of William McKinley</u> http://www.cohums.ohio-state.edu/history/projects/mckinley/

Political Cartoons about the era and presidency of William McKinley.

HarpWeek - Elections Homepage

http://elections.harpweek.com/default.htm

Cartoons from Harper's Weekly, Vanity Fair, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Puck, and the Library of Congress Collection of American Political Prints: 1766-1876. Each cartoon is explained along with biographies of the figures, explanations of the issues, and campaign overviews. View the depiction of the seven presidential elections of 1860-1884 in the political cartoons and prints of the nineteenth century.

Hawaiian Political Cartoons

http://library.kcc.hawaii.edu/~soma/cartoons/

"This index represents a portion of the political caricatures and cartoons which were published during a pivotal period in Hawaii's history. Most of the prints, appearing prior to the overthrow and continuing through the annexation of Hawaii, were extracted from the American magazines, Puck and Judge."

Herblock: 5 Decades at Washington Post

Cartoonist Herblock, whose name was actually Herbert L. Block, drew for over 50 years, from 1946 to 2001. His perspective is a unique reflection of history, as demonstrated in this archive.

Historical Political Cartoons

http://www.princeton.edu/~nmccarty/historical_political_cartoons.htm

Four political cartoons from the Election of 1800.

Impeachment of Andrew Johnson

http://www.impeach-andrewjohnson.com/ListOfCartoons/ListOfCartoons.htm 28 political cartoons, all centering on the impeachment of Andrew Johnson. Each features an analysis.

Penn Library - Political Cartoons

http://www.library.upenn.edu/resources/subject/social/communication/politicalcartoons.html

Listing of links to cartoon sites; topics range from Emma Goldman to the Versailles Treaty.

Political Cartoons and Cartoonists

http://www.boondocksnet.com/gallery/pc_intro.html

This resource traces the history of political cartooning from the beginning of the nineteenth century, documenting the evolution into an important element of influence. It also traces some of the uses of political cartoons, from Thomas Nast in the 1870s through the early twentieth century.

Political Cartoons Featuring Teddy Roosevelt

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/presidents/nf/teach/tr/toonsheet.html

From PBS, The American Experience.

Puck's Cartoon Archive

http://xroads.virginia.edu/~MA96/PUCK/toons.html

20 cartoons of Puck, taken with a digital camera from original issues.

Special Collections of Cartoons

http://www.cohums.ohio-state.edu/history/projects/uscartoons/SpecCollCartoons.htm Four collections: Frank Bears, The Ram's Horn, Cartoons of Horace Taylor for The Vercit, and Cartoons Associated with William McKinley.

Theodore Roosevelt Political Cartoons

http://www.theodore-roosevelt.com/frames.html

Teddy Roosevelt's life through cartoons; a 3-minute movie is also available.

Welcome to 1896

http://iberia.vassar.edu/1896/

A website of political cartoons centering on the year 1896.

<u>American Political Prints 1766-1876</u> - provides electronic catalog of prints from the Library of Congress collection

- HarpWeek Presidential Election Cartoons collection of cartoons and prints commenting on United States presidential elections from 1860-1884.
- 1946-1995, with links to essays providing historical context

HerBlock's History - *Exhibition Sections* cover political cartoons from the stock market crash to the millennium, with explanations

Historical Political Cartoons - historical political cartoons of the 19th and 20th centuries, from Napoleon and Waterloo to Theodore Roosevelt, Uncle Sam, Mark Twain, the woman suffrage movement in the first decades of the 20th century The Political Resource Page: Historical Editorial Cartoons - 1870-World War I, with links to historical documents in key areas

<u>About.com: Political Humor</u> - by publication and by topic-includes <u>World Tour of Political Cartoons</u>

<u>Daryl Cagle's Professional Cartoonists Index</u> - by subject; current

New York Times on the Web: Cartoons

PoliticalCartoons.com - collection of editorial cartoons updated daily and hosted by Slate Magazine; includes teacher's guide for using cartoons in the classroom, and a comprehensive list of editorial cartoonists on the web

WashingtonPost.com: Cartoons

MarcoPolo http://www.marcopolo-education.org/ MarcoPolo search for Political Cartoons and Presidents

http://www.marcopolosearch.org/MPSearch/Search_Results.asp? orgn_id=2&log_type=1&hdnFilter=&hdnPerPage=15&txtSearchFor=political +cartoons+and+presidents&selUsing=all

Truman Presidential Museum and Library (Social Stuides Web Sites) http://www.trumanlibrary.org/educ/sites.htm

Election maps for 1860-1996 are at:

http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/maps

There you can also click on election 2000 to download an Acrobat .pdf file.

Presidential Geography: A Journey Across America is one of several lesson plans on the site for teaching the presidents, including one of Teddy Roosevelt political cartoons and another on voting geography. http://www.historywise.com/lp_geography.html

Political Cartoons: Introduction to Symbols by **Mark Adams**

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/teacher_lessons/cartoon_symbol.htm

Library of Congress

http://lcweb.loc.gov

Herblock's Presidents

http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/print/swann/herblock/presidents.html

US. National Archives and Records Administration http://www.archives.gov

Digital Classroom

http://www.archives.gov/digital classroom/index.html

NARA | Digital Classroom | Teaching With Documents: Political Cartoons Illustrating ... http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/election_cartoons_1912/

teaching activities.html

Giant trove of FDR cartoons:

http://www.nisk.k12.ny.us/fdr/index.html

Lesson plan using a series of 7 Truman cartoons:

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/qq/coverpge2.htm

Links galore here: http://www.mtmercy.edu/lib/pcartoon.htm

An on-line exhibit from Indiana U. goes back to colonial times, focus on Lincoln:

http://www.indiana.edu/~liblilly/cartoon/cartoons.html

Teaching With Documents Lesson Plan: Political Cartoons Illustrating Progressivism and the Election of 1912

http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/election_cartoons_1912/election_cartoons_1912.html

The Educator's Reference Desk

http://www.eduref.org

Read All About It! An Educator's Reference Desk Lesson Plan

http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/Social Studies/History/HIS0010.html

Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Deception: Was It Successful? You Decide!

http://www.cloudnet.com/~edrbsass/fdrlessons.htm

Teacher Guide! Grades 6 through 8 / Lesson Plans

http://cagle.slate.msn.com/teacher/middle/lessonplanMS2.asp

Welcome to American Presidents: Life Portraits http://www.americanpresidents.org/

C-Span http://www.c-span.org/

C-SPAN in the Classroom American Presidents Resources http://www.americanpresidents.org/classroom/

This web site is for teachers and students who want to use C-SPAN's television series, **American Presidents: Life Portraits** as a classroom resource.

Election 2004: Candidates & Information http://www.capwiz.com/c-span/e4/

Newseum -- The world's first interactive museum of news http://www.newseum.org

Political Cartoons by David Horsey

http://www.newseum.org/horsey/

Election maps for 1860-1996 are at:

http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/maps

http://www.historywise.com/lp_geography.htm

http://www.indiana.edu/~liblilly/cartoon/cartoons.html

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/qq/coverpge2.htm

http://www.nisk.k12.ny.us/fdr/index.html

http://www.mtmercy.edu/lib/pcartoon.htm

From Grade 6 Social Studies

Historical Perspective

SS-6-H-1: Students will examine how human and physical geography influence past decisions and events.

SS-6-H-2: Students will analyze the influence of geographic factors on past decisions and events.

Geography

SS-6-G-5: Students will interpret current events in the United States and the world from a geographic perspective.

Government And Civics

SS-6-GC-1

Students will compare and contrast forms of government in the modern world.

SS-6-GC-2

Students will analyze how governments reflect and impact culture.

SS-6-GC-3

Students will examine the relationship between governments and the rights of individuals.

From KERA

2.19: Students recognize and understand the relationship between people and geography and apply their knowledge in real-life situations.

 2.20: Students understand, analyze, and interpret historical events, conditions, trends, and issues to develop historical perspective.