# Cartoons for the Classroom

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# **Using a common literary reference**



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## Talking points

- 1. How do cartoonists in Illinois and Washington, D.C., end up drawing similar images about the same news event on the same day?
- 2. Nate Beeler and Eric Allen both refer to the ancient Greek tale of Icarus. What is the story about?
- 3. Is learning classic literature necessary for understanding ideas presented in cartoons such as these? Why?

### Between the lines

"Solyndra's collapse has fueled attacks by (Michele) Bachmann and others accusing the Obama administration of "crony capitalism" in its generous financial assistance to the company."

- http://www.sfgate.com/cgibin/article.cgi? f=/c/a/2011/09/16/MNED1L5MRI.DTL&tsp=

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