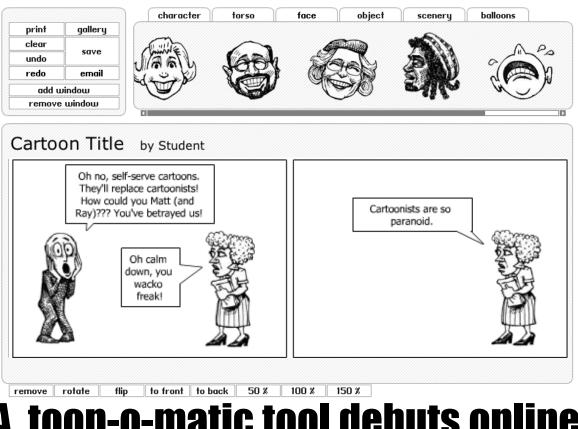
Cartoons for the Classroom Presented by NIEonline.com and the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists (AAEC)



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Let's say you have very strong views on a variety of subjects: George Bush, American Idol, Obesity, School, Teenagers, IPods, the Wii shortage -- you name it. And you just know these ideas would make for some great cartoons. Unfortunately, if you're like most of us, you can't draw worth a lick. Now there's help! The Funny Times recently launched a Cartoon Playground online and outfitted it with some nifty tools to help you realize your dream! Drag-and-drop portraits, backgrounds, text balloons in a very

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easy to use interface will have you tooning in no time. Teachers: Create your own blank cartoons at the site for your class to help stimulate discussion about current events.

Get out your newspaper

Scan your newspaper for a current event topic that catches your interest. Are you outraged by it? Amused by it? Imagine a scene that will get your point across. Use the tools in the Cartoon Playground to render a cartoon on the topic. Print it out and share it!



Cartoons from the Cartoon Playground Gallery

Find the Cartoon Playground online at http://www.funnytimes.com/playground/

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