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Tooning into the Candidates: Hillary Clinton

Between the lines

Hillary Rodham Clinton is the junior U.S. Senator from New York, and the wife of Bill Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States. Since announcing her candidacy for president in early 2007, Clinton led the field of candidates competing for the Democratic nomination.

Get out your newspaper

Gather a collection of political cartoons from your newspaper and other resources on the Presidential campaign. Using the Cartoon Evaluation Worksheet (available online at the NIE Website) analyze each cartoon and explain the issues addressed.

Talking points

1. KAL's caricature of Hillary Clinton shows hands trying to portray her as the devil. It's a portrait that can be interpreted a number of ways. The question is who is demonizing her: The media? The opposition party? Fellow Democrats? Based on what you know about her, what's your view?

2. A caricature is defined as a portrait that exaggerates or distorts the essence of a person to create an easily identifiable visual likeness. Caricatures can be insulting or complimentary. Is this caricature a flattering portrait of the candidate? Does the artist support the candidate?

3. Isn't this what every candidate faces? Should Clinton expect to be treated any differently by the media or her opponents?

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