

Cartoons for the Classroom



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Tooning into the Constitution: 2008

Celebrating the 19th Amendment

Between the lines

The 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote in national and state elections was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920 -- 72 years after a resolution calling for woman suffrage was first introduced.

In 1984, Geraldine Ferraro was the first female Vice-Presidential candidate representing a major American political party.

In 2008, the Republican Party nominated Sarah Palin as their candidate for Vice-President.



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Talking points

1. Almost 88 years to the day after women first won the right to vote, Hillary Rodham Clinton nearly became the first presidential candidate for a major party. Democratic Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is the first woman in American history to lead a major party in the U.S. Congress. What other women now hold positions of power in U.S. government. Can you name women leaders in other countries?
2. Few outside of Alaska had heard of Sarah Palin until she was named John McCain's running mate. Are woman politicians held to a different standard? Which recent Presidents have been state governors before running for the presidency?
3. Do some research to explain what the arguments were against women's suffrage. Some U.S. citizens are still not allowed to vote in certain states. Who are they?

Get out your newspaper

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

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