Tooning into the Constitution:
Defending your freedoms

Talking points

1. Karl Wimer’s portrayal of cartoonists as warriors defending the Constitution might be a bit over the top, but he makes a good point. How do you think cartoonists protect your freedoms?

2. There’s fun in the details here, pens are spears, an eraser is a shield. List some other ones you find.

3. Newspaper economics is portrayed as a giant force plucking a cartoonist from his post defending the Constitution. It doesn’t look like a force the warriors are equipped to deal with. What will be the ultimate result, when the unstoppable force called “newspaper economics” removes all the cartoonists?

Get out your newspaper

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

Additional resources

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
http://editorialcartoonists.com/

More by Karl Wimer
http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm?WimerK/