Cartoons for the Classroom
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Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

Visuals
1. List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________

2. Which of these objects are symbols?
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   _______________________________________
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   _______________________________________

3. What do you think each symbol means?
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Words (not all toons include words)
4. Identify the cartoon caption and/or title.
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5. Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon.
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   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________

6. Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon.
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7. Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?
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   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________

8. List adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon.
   _______________________________________

Your Name _______________________
Newspaper _______________________
Cartoonist _______________________
Date of Cartoon ___________________

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9. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.
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10. Explain how the words clarify the symbols.
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11. Explain the message of the cartoon.
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12. What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message?
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