

Cartoons for the Classroom



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A parody of broken promises

Between the lines

As of August 2006, North Korea has refused international calls to abandon its nuclear program or to even resume talks aimed at disarming. North Korea agreed in 2005 to end its nuclear weapons program in return for security, economic and energy benefits. But it continued its nuclear development program. On July 4, 2006, North Korea tested four or five short range missiles, which landed in the Sea of Japan. A sixth missile either failed or was aborted seconds after launch.

Cartoon Courtesy Daryl Cagle / Slate.com



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APOLOGIES TO SPARKY

Talking points

In order to understand Cagle's cartoon, you need to recognize the caricatures (President Bush and Korean leader Kim Jong-il), be aware of the issue (North Korea's record of broken promises on abandoning its nuclear arms program) and apply a metaphor from Charles Schulz's comic strip "Peanuts." (Every autumn, despite repeatedly promising otherwise, Lucy would always yank away the

football just as the hapless Charlie Brown tries to kick.)

In Cagle's view President Bush is the gullible Charlie Brown, always falling for Lucy's promises when he should have known better.

Under Cagle's signature note the "Apologies to Sparky" tag line. Cagle is acknowledging that his cartoon is based on Schulz's work. "Sparky" was Schulz's nickname.



Charles Schulz

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