

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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Petar Pismestrovic, Kleine Zeitung, Austria, Courtesy CagleCartoons.com

## Doves, Flags & Bombs

### Talking points

1. If you try to read the drawing literally, it's hard to grasp the point being made by Petar Pismestrovic of Austria. A dove being squished between two missiles? You need to infer the meaning from the symbols the cartoonist used. What do missiles represent? Which countries are the flags representing? Explain the dove as symbol. And what's that twig it has in its beak? Does it mean anything?
2. What other flags could you change to in the drawing in order to illustrate a conflict between other countries. Make a list of countries and their adversaries and show their respective flags.
3. The cartoon doesn't carry a caption. Do you think it needs one? What could a caption say that would make the point of the cartoon clearer for readers?

### Between the lines

Tensions have escalated between the Korean nations following the North's shelling of a South-held island on Tuesday. North Korea warned Friday that joint military exercises this weekend between the U.S. and South Korean military could push the peninsula to the "brink of war."

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<http://goo.gl/lxnbo>

### Additional resources

More by Petar Pismestrovic  
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