

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Cartoon Courtesy Nick Anderson / Houston Chronicle

Can we can bank on it?

Talking points

1. The concept of the government taking over banks and what that means is difficult for most of us to grasp. As Nick Anderson's cartoon points out, the banking system is a mess. It's hard to see how it could get much worse. What's the issue with banks anyway? (Hey, we know it's not an easy question!)
2. Cartoonists often use labels to help us grasp a cartoon's point. Try some new labels to change the topic of this cartoon.
3. What's the cartoonist's stance on nationalizing banks? Find some stories in the newspaper dealing with this issue and explain why you agree or disagree.

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 Nick Anderson
<http://blogs.chron.com/nickanderson/>