

Editorial Cartoon Analysis

Name _____

Hour _____ Date _____

1. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon _____

2. Explain the cartoonist's message in the drawing and caption _____

3. Is this cartoon easy to figure out? Why or why not? _____

4. Does this cartoon require you to have a lot of background information on this issue, event or person?
__yes __no Explain _____

5. Who is the cartoonist? _____
6. List any persons portrayed in the drawing:

7. Did the cartoonist exaggerate any physical features of a person? If yes, describe how it was done.

8. Were any symbols used? __yes __no If yes, what do they represent?

9. Which person or group(s) may be most likely to agree with its message? _____
10. Which person or group(s) may disagree with the cartoon's message? _____

Activities:

1. Describe in detail and/or draw another cartoon that would be different from this one but yet would contain the same message.
2. Describe in detail and/or draw a cartoon you could create that would convey an opposite message.
3. Discuss with others your response to the following scenarios:
 - You are the editorial cartoonist for the local newspaper. You plan to draw and publish a cartoon critical of the town mayor's leadership. You have been asked by the mayor to not publish your work.
 - You believe cigarette smoking is harmful to people's health and you want to make this point in a cartoon but the local farmers who buy the newspaper and the stores that make money selling cigarettes are pressuring you not to publish the cartoon.
4. General discussion:
 - Should any topic be taboo for an editorial cartoon? Who should determine what is inappropriate or "off limits"? The cartoonist? The magazine or newspaper publisher?