

Political Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

Name:

Visuals

List the objects or people you see in the cartoon	Put a mark next to the objects that are symbols	List what you think each symbol means

Did the cartoonist exaggerate any of the objects or the physical features of a person or people in the cartoon? If yes, describe how.

What effect was the cartoonist trying to achieve by exaggerating these items?

Are the lines of the cartoon bold, fuzzy, light, hard or soft? Are shapes curvy or angular (geometric)? What feelings do the lines convey? What effect does this create?

Words

Identify the cartoon's caption and/or title.

Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon.

List the words or phrases used by the cartoonist to label objects or people within the cartoon.

How do the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols?

Which words or phrases appear to be the most significant? Why?

Action

Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.

What facial expressions are portrayed in the cartoon? How does the cartoonist use lines to suggest expression?

Meaning

What political event or idea is the cartoon referring to?

What conclusions can you draw about the cartoonist's opinion?

What specific details in the cartoon led you to this conclusion?

What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?

Whose opinion or point of view is not represented in this cartoon?

How is the cartoon effective in your opinion?