

# Cartoons for the Classroom



**Editorial**  
The cartoon is a powerful tool for social commentary. It can be used to teach students about current events, political issues, and social norms. Cartoons often use humor and exaggeration to highlight the absurdities of the world. In the classroom, they can be used to spark discussions, encourage critical thinking, and help students understand complex issues in a more accessible way. Teachers can use cartoons to introduce a topic, provide a visual aid, or assess student understanding. It's important to choose cartoons that are appropriate for the age and maturity of the students and to provide context when using them.



## Why is Freedom of Speech a burning issue?

Freedom of speech is a fundamental right in the United States. It is the right to express one's thoughts, beliefs, and opinions without government interference. This right is protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. However, this right is not absolute. There are certain limitations on free speech, such as hate speech, defamation, and obscenity. The issue of freedom of speech is often debated in the context of these limitations. For example, some people argue that hate speech should be restricted because it can lead to violence and discrimination. Others argue that hate speech should be protected because it is a form of expression that is essential to a free society. The issue of freedom of speech is also often debated in the context of the right to privacy. Some people argue that the right to privacy should be protected because it is essential to a free society. Others argue that the right to privacy should be restricted because it can be used to hide illegal activities.

### Get out your newspaper!

Read the editorial on page 10 of the newspaper. Discuss the issues raised in the editorial with your class. What are the main points? Do you agree or disagree? Why? Write a short paragraph expressing your opinion on the issue. Be sure to include specific examples to support your argument.

### Writing prompts

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper expressing your opinion on the issue of freedom of speech. Be sure to include specific examples to support your argument.

Write a speech to be given at a school assembly on the issue of freedom of speech. Be sure to include specific examples to support your argument.

Write a short story or play about a person who is exercising their right to free speech.

### Additional resources

[www.freespeech.org](http://www.freespeech.org)

[www.firstamendmentcenter.com](http://www.firstamendmentcenter.com)

[www.fairuse.org](http://www.fairuse.org)

[www.freespeechcoalition.org](http://www.freespeechcoalition.org)