

Political Cartoons -- Lesson Plan 2

Objective:

Students will research to find political cartoons and create political cartoons about several types of government

Preparation:

- Teacher will discuss the elements of a political cartoon (symbols, exaggerations, irony, labeling, analogy). Teacher will also point out the use of shading and size of characters to emphasize viewpoints.
- Teacher will share several examples of political cartoons with the class and interpret meaning/author's viewpoint. Encourage students to support their interpretation with elements of the cartoon.

Procedure:

- Students will choose 3 from the following list of types of governments
- For each type of government chosen, students will find one political cartoon expressing a viewpoint on that topic
- Students will then create their own unique political cartoon that expresses an opinion on one type of government. Students will submit a total of 4 political cartoons (3 from other authors, one of their own creation).
- Students will complete the response questions below