Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

VISUALS	WORDS (Not all cartoons have words)
Level One: 1. List the objects or people you see in the cartoon. (6 points) a. **Water beneath falls** b. **Stream of water** c. **Rocks** d. **Boat** e. **13 people in the front of the boat** f. **Person steering the boat**	2. Identify the cartoon caption and/or title. (5 points) **The Critical Period** 3. Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonists to identify objects or people within the cartoon. (6 points) a. **Articles of Confederation** b. **Independence** c. **Anarchy** 4. Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon. (5 points) **1783-1789**
Level Two: 5. Which of the objects on your list are symbols? (14 points) a. **Water beneath…** c. **Rocks** e. **13 People…** b. **Stream of water** d. **Boat** f. **Person steering…** 6. What do you think each symbol means? (14 points) a. **Anarchy** c. **Obstacles** e. **13 States** b. **Independence** d. **A.O.C.** f. **U.S. Congress**	7. Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? (5 points) **The Critical Period** 8. Why do you think they are the most significant? (5 points) **They are in large capital letters and they clearly describe the dangerous situation that the country was attempting to "navigate" through.**

Level Three:
9. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon. (5 points)
Men are trying to row a ship away from the certain disaster that awaits them over the waterfall.

10. Explain the message of the cartoon. (20 points)

The Independence that the 13 states had recently gained was slipping away into chaos and disunion. The reason the states couldn't paddle their way out of the dangerous waters was that the Articles of Confederation were too weak to keep the country unified.

11. Identify a special interest group (not you) that would either agree or disagree with the cartoon's message. (5 points) **Supporters of a stronger federal government would agree.**

12. Explain why they would agree or disagree? (10 points)
They would agree because only a strong federal government would be able to keep the country from falling apart into 13 smaller countries.