

ANALYZING A POLITICAL CARTOON

NAME: _____

FOCUS QUESTION: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

TITLE OF CARTOON: _____ AUTHOR/PUBLISHER: _____

PLACE AND TIME: Where and when was it published? Background information of the publication. _____

HISTORICAL CONTEXT: What was going on during this event or era/period? _____

OBSERVATIONS		QUESTIONS/REACTION
DESCRIPTION OF THE CARTOON <i>What I see... What objects, symbols, captions, people are portrayed in the cartoon? Be specific!</i>	MEANING <i>What do the objects, people, words, etc. symbolize or represent?</i>	<i>I wonder... My reaction to the cartoon is...</i>
	→	MESSAGE/ARGUMENT: Explain the message of the cartoon.
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CRITICAL THINKING

What persuasive techniques were used in this political cartoon?

- symbolism
 caricature
 captioning and labels
 analogy
 irony
 exaggeration

What groups would agree or disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?

WRITING ACTIVITY 1 - FOCUSING ON A POLITICAL CARTOON

FOCUS QUESTION: _____

_____ reveals to us that _____
(The "title" of the political cartoon) (The artist/author or subject)

thought _____
(The political cartoon's overall message/argument)

because _____
(Evidence in the political cartoon/primary source)

This political cartoon relates to the focus question because _____

