

Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

Source (URL, Newspaper, or Other):

Date of access (if URL) or **Date of publication** (all others):

Cartoonists Name (or Initials if that's all you can find):

Attach a copy of the cartoon and provide the following analysis:

1. Brief Summary of the Issue Depicted (30 to 100 words) Note the source of this information.
2. Describe the setting in the cartoon, listing the objects or people you see.
3. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.
4. Identify any caption and/or title.
5. List any words, numbers, or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon.
6. Describe the symbolism in the cartoon. What do you think each symbol means? Explain how the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols (if they do).
7. What are the common cartoon devices used in this example? How are they used? (see list under "Common Political Cartoon Devices.")
8. Discuss your interpretation of the cartoon. What do you think the author is trying to say. Be sure to discuss puns, parody, irony and hypocrisy as appropriate.
9. Who do you think would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?
10. Is the cartoon funny or is it serious? Explain how the method chosen by the cartoonist effectively conveys humor or seriousness.
11. Did you find this cartoon persuasive? Why? What are the persuasive techniques used in this cartoon?