

Reading an Editorial Cartoon

Part I What is the cartoon's title or caption?

Who drew the cartoon?

When and where was it published?

What is familiar to you in this cartoon?

What questions do you have about this cartoon?

Editorial cartoonists combine pictures and words to communicate their opinions.

What tools does the cartoonist use to make his or her point?

Humor

Labels

Caricature

Analogy to another historical or current event

Symbols

References to popular culture, art, literature, etc.

Stereotypes

Speech balloons

List the important people and objects shown in the cartoon:

Part II Are symbols used? If so, what are they and what do they mean?

Are stereotypes used? If so, what group is represented?

Is anyone caricatured in the cartoon? If so, who?

Part III Briefly explain the message of the cartoon:

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

Do you think this cartoon is effective in its message?