Picturing History: Editorial Cartooning in America, 1754-2011
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Cartoon-Based Lesson Plan Suggested Topics

Please choose a topic for your cartoon-based lesson plan. During the workshop, you will have the opportunity to use the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum collection to find cartoons about the topic to use in your lesson plan. We recommend choosing a fairly broad topic and coming prepared with a general working knowledge of it, then narrowing it down once you’ve had a chance to see what kind of cartoons we have available. Below are some suggested topics. Feel free to contact us if you have a topic in mind that is not listed here. Please note that there are currently Opper Project lesson plans (http://hti.osu.edu/opper) for several of the topics listed below. If you chose one of these, your lesson plan must use completely different cartoons.

- Industrialization
- Jacksonian Era
- Second Seminole War
- Race-based Slavery/Anti-Slavery Debate
- Civil War
- Emancipation
- Reconstruction
- Industrial Development
- Industrial Debate: Labor v. Business
- Progressive Era
- Women’s Suffrage
- Prohibition
- Civil Rights Movement
- American Imperialism
- Theodore Roosevelt
- World War I
- Wilson’s Fourteen Points
- The League of Nations
- The Great Depression
- The New Deal
- World War II
- The Marshall Plan
- Post-War Boom
- Cities to Suburbs
- The Red Scare
- McCarthyism
- Cold War Conflict in Korea
- Vietnam-Era
- Break-up of the Soviet Union
- Post-Cold War World
- Atomic Age
- Presidential elections (in general or a specific election)
- Supreme Court decisions
- Bill of Rights
- First Amendment
- Trusts
- Gold Standard
- Scopes Trial
- William Jennings Brian
- Political bosses [Tweed, Platt, Hannah]
- Constitutional amendments
- FDR Supreme Court conflict
- Nuclear power