

Symbols

Symbols are pictures of objects and things that represent something else by tradition. They are important tools for the editorial cartoonist. This is a short exercise to help you think about what they are and how (and why) cartoonists use them.

1. What does each of these symbols mean?



2. What are five (5) other symbols that you see regularly in print or every day life?

3. The popularity of some symbols changes over time. Next to each symbol, indicate whether or not you've seen it before and what you think it represents.



4. Clip or print out a recent editorial cartoon that uses at least one symbol. List each symbol below and explain what it represents. Be prepared to discuss how the cartoonist uses the symbol(s) to communicate his or her message in class.