

# PARADE classroom Skills Sheet

## Cartoon Commentary

Some cartoons are found on the comics pages of your newspaper. Others appear on the editorial page and are called—no surprise—editorial cartoons. These cartoons try to express points of view about news events in a funny way. Usually, an individual artist draws and writes them, and then a company called a “syndicate” sells them to newspapers around the country. Take a close look at one editorial cartoon in your newspaper this week, then answer the questions below.

1. What issue does the cartoon address?

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2. Who are the main characters? What or who do they represent?

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3. Where does the cartoon take place?

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4. What makes the cartoon funny?

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5. Who drew the cartoon?

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6. What group syndicated it?

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7. What is the point of view or message of the cartoon?  
What point is the cartoonist trying to make?

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8. Do you agree with the cartoonist’s point of view?  
Why or why not?

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**EXTRA CREDIT:**

Visit [www.cagle.com](http://www.cagle.com) and take a look at cartoons about the elections. Answer the same questions about one of these cartoons.