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EXTRA

LESSON PLAN: Analyzing Election Cartoons

HANDOUT 5

Analyzing Your Own Political Cartoon

Directions: From the cartoons on handout #4 “**Political Cartoon Analysis Sheet**” or from online research, select a cartoon that presents an opinion other than your own. Document what the cartoon is saying and why its opinion is different than your own (you can use the guide on the handout). Develop your own cartoon as a response to the one you have chosen. You may draw your own characters or find the images from the newspaper, magazine or the Internet that you can use as a guide. Write an explanation of your cartoon following the second analysis guide below and present the findings to the class.

Political Cartoon Analysis Questions

- A. What are the event(s) or issue(s) that inspired your cartoon?
- B. Are there any real people in the cartoon? Who are these people?
- C. Are there symbols in the cartoon? What are they and what do they represent?
- D. What is your opinion about the topic portrayed in the cartoon?
- E. In what ways does your cartoon differ in its opinion from the one you selected?