



Taxonomy of Skills for Interpreting Political Cartoons  
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### HIGHER ORDER SKILLS

- 
- Comparing and Evaluating the Techniques and Messages of 2 or more cartoons
  - Appreciating the Cartoon's Editorial Function
  - Drawing a Cartoon using appropriate techniques to express one's bias or point of view
  - Judging Cartoonist's bias in terms of one's own point of view
  - Interpreting the message or viewpoint
  - Realizing that cartoons may contain gross generalizations/ stereotypes

### LOWER ORDER SKILLS

- 
- Appreciating the use of humor and exaggeration
  - Recognizing satire
  - Identifying the subject or issue
  - Explaining the use of historical references and images
  - Identifying the use of symbolism
  - Recognizing the use of caricature
  - Locating and identifying the source
  - Listing the caption
  - Identifying the artist