

CARTOON ANALYSIS GUIDE[□]

	VISUALS	WORDS
STEP ONE	<p>1. List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.</p>	<p>1. Identify the cartoon caption and/or title.</p> <p>2. Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon (Not all cartoons include words.)</p> <p>3. Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon.</p>
STEP TWO	<p>2. Which of the objects on your list are symbols?</p> <p>3. What do you think each of the symbols means?</p>	<p>4. Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so? (Not all cartoons include words.)</p> <p>5. List adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon.</p>
STEP THREE	<p>A. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.</p> <p>B. In your own words, explain how the words in the cartoon explain or clarify the symbol.</p> <p>C. In your own words, explain the message of the cartoon.</p> <p>D. What special interest groups would agree/disagree with the cartoon's message? Why?</p>	

[□] Adapted from "Teaching With Documents" from the National Archives and Records Administration.