

# A Newsletter for Teachers

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### Freedom of Editorial Expression

#### Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- Practice interpreting editorial cartoons
- Express opinion creatively

#### Procedure:

1. Schedule delivery of newspapers or E-edition license access.
2. Instruct students to locate the editorial cartoon or cartoons in the newspaper. They can use the index or E-edition search tool or pull-down menu.
3. Explain to students that analyzing these cartoons is especially valuable to them as they mature and make decisions about social and political issues. It's important that students learn how to evaluate messages they get from media.
4. Introduce the cartoonists' tools—symbolism, exaggeration, labeling, analogy, and irony. Review the meaning of each. (For help, visit: [http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/features/political\\_cartoon/model.html](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/features/political_cartoon/model.html))
5. Have students study the cartoon carefully, first identifying exactly what they see and then analyzing the overall meaning. They can then analyze which tools were used and how they were utilized to persuade or express an opinion.
6. Allow students some time to talk about school issues that lend themselves to editorial cartooning. Each student should create a cartoon that expresses an opinion about a school issue. Display the cartoons.

#### Extensions:

1. Students can accompany their cartoons with persuasive essays.
2. Have students go online to [www.cagle.com](http://www.cagle.com) to see a selection of current cartoons and discuss them.



#### National Learning Standards:

McRel (Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning) Standards:

Understands the importance of freedom of the press to informed participation in the political system; and understands the influence of television, radio, the press, newsletters, and emerging means of electronic communication on American politics

**In this Issue...**

- A detailed lesson on editorial cartoons
- Lessons for language arts, science, social studies and math
- A biography of journalist Hedda Hopper