



## LESSON PLAN: Analyzing Political Cartoons

### HANDOUT # 4

#### Political Cartoon Analysis Sheet

**Directions:** In this activity, you will be reviewing a number of political cartoons either with a partner or individually.

1. Look carefully at all the cartoons on the 4 sheets of paper examining the characters, the setting, any symbols and make a note of them.
2. Determine what the message and the humor is in the cartoon.
3. Select three cartoons you understand the best and find the most interesting.
4. Write notes answering the questions below.
5. Be prepared to share your information with the class.

#### Political Cartoon Analysis Questions

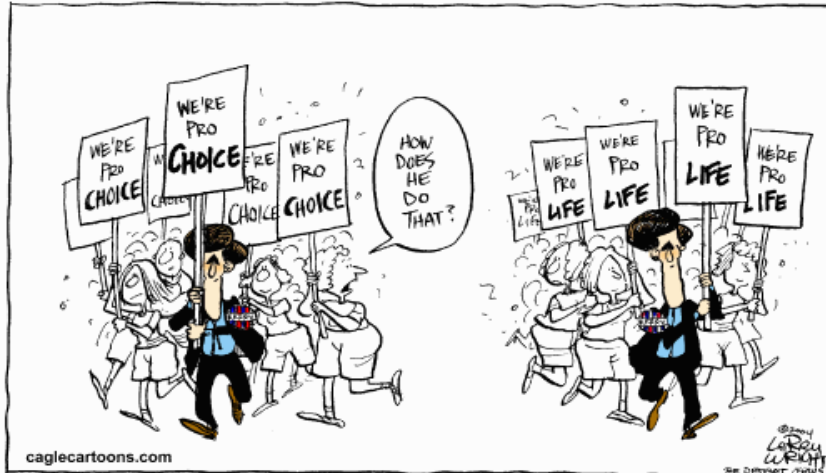
- A. What are the event(s) or issue(s) that inspired the cartoon?
- B. Are there any real people in the cartoon? Who are these people?
- C. Are there symbols in the cartoon? What are they and what do they represent?
- D. What is the cartoonist's opinion about the topic portrayed in the cartoon?
- E. Do you agree or disagree with the cartoonist's opinion? Why?



#1 "Bush, Kerry and the World"  
Daryl Cagle, Slate July 12, 2004

#2 "The left Behind Child" Mike Lester, The Rome News-Tribune, May 18, 2004





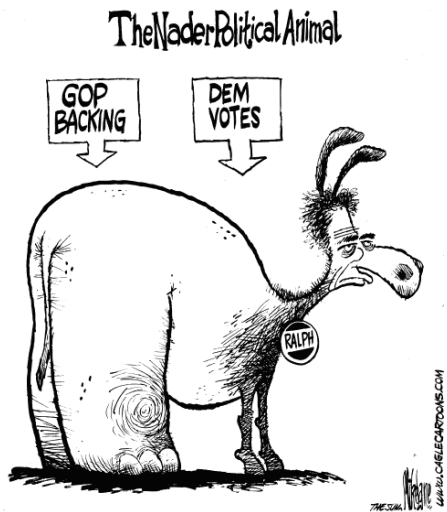
#3 "Pro Both" Larry Wright, The Detroit News, July 5, 2004



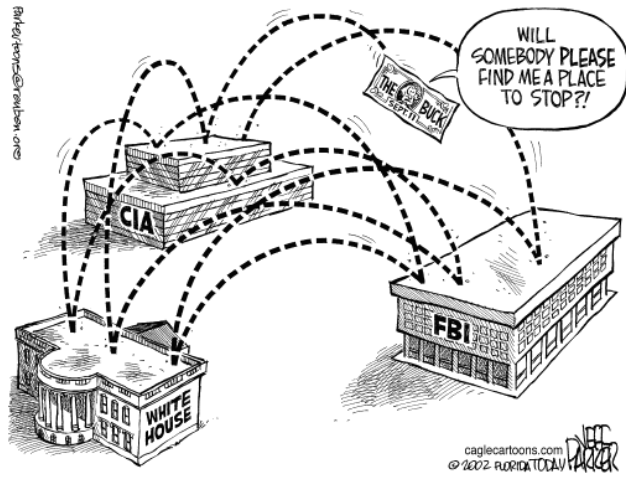
#4 "Geneva Convention Murdered" Larry Wright, The Detroit News, May 11, 2004



#5 "No Child Left Behind" Mike Keefe, Detroit News, May 12, 2004



#6 "Nader Political Animal" Mike Lane, Cagle Cartoons, July 23, 2004



#7 "The Buck Stops Where?" Jeff Parker, Florida Today, April 22, 2004



#8 "Kerry rolls back the tax on the Rich" Brian Fairrington, Cagle Cartoons, February 1, 2004



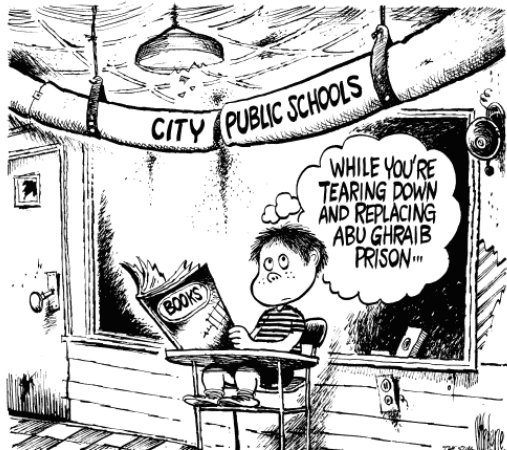
#9 "Mission Unraveling," Jeff Parker, Florida Today, April 8, 2004



#10 "Kerry and the Church" Mike Keefe, The Denver Post, April 16, 2004



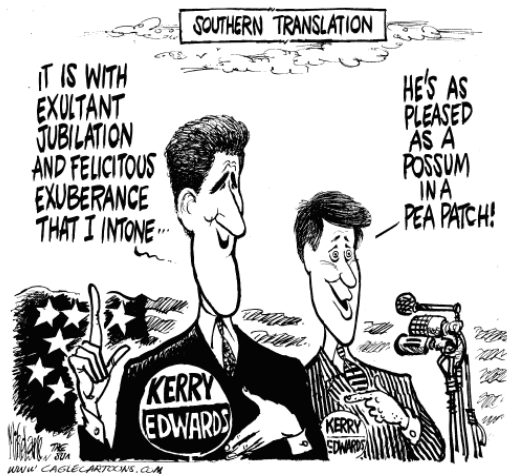
#11 "Kerry's Charisma" Brian Fairrington, Cagle Cartoons, July 20 2004



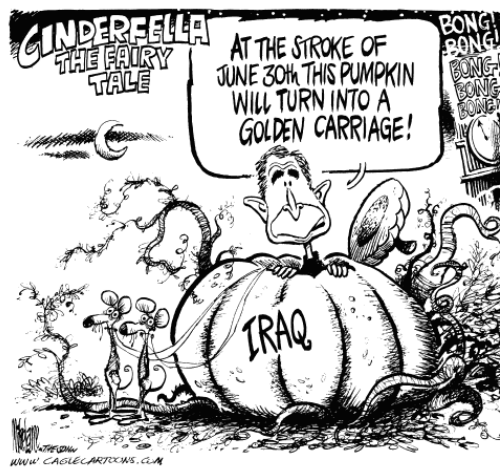
#12 "Schools Falling Apart" Mike Lane, Cagle Cartoons, May 27, 2004



#13 Enhanced Patriot Act" Mike Keefe, The Denver Post, February 23, 2004



#14 "Southern Translation" Mike Lane, Cagle Cartoons, July 6, 2004



#15 Bush Fairy Tale" Mike Lane, Cagle Cartoons, June 22, 2004



#16 "Vigilantly Paranoid" Jeff Parker, Florida Today, September 20, 2002



#17 "Bush on the Environment" Monte Wolverton, Cagle Cartoons, July 4, 2004