Analyzing Cartoons

Use these questions to help start your analysis of a cartoon. Add your own questions as you think about the cartoon.

1. What is the main topic of the cartoon?
2. What is the source of the cartoon? When was it created or published? What does this information tell you about its meaning and purpose?
3. Identify the people, places, and objects in the cartoon. What can you infer about why these specific items are used?
4. What text is included in the cartoon? What is its purpose? What is its effect?
5. How would you describe the drawing style of the cartoon? What does this style contribute to the message?
6. What is the cartoon trying to get you to think or believe? Is it effective?

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