

Editorial Cartoon Analysis

Background Information: Creating editorial cartoons is one way opinions about current events are communicated to general public. Editorial cartoons are graphic analyses that use drawings, words, symbols, exaggeration and humor to convey an idea or message. In the past these cartoons could influence public opinion even among less literate segments of society. While some cartoonists use them to portray the problems of society, others use them in an attempt to prescribe solutions as well. Editorial cartoons can provide excellent sources of information about the past and present.

Editorial Cartoon Techniques:

- Symbolism:** Using objects or symbols to stand for ideas or concepts.
- Labeling:** Labels are used to make clear what objects stand for.
- Caricature:** Exaggerating or distorting a character's features.
- Exaggeration:** Distorting an object in shape or appearance.
- Analogy:** A comparison between two unlike things.
- Irony:** The difference between the way things are and the way they should be
- Stereotyping:** Generalizing about an entire group by a single characteristic that may be insulting and untrue.

Using the picture below, answer the following questions. Be sure to review the *Editorial Cartoon Techniques* for reference. Be sure to use at least 5-6 complete sentences per each response.



"RACIST? IF I WERE A RACIST DO YOU THINK I WOULD COME HERE AND WORK WITH YOU UNCIVILIZED BARBARIAN SAVAGES?"

What is the general subject of the cartoon? What were there reasons for coming to Oceania? Be sure to cite specific evidence using your notes.

Who are the characters and what do they represent?

What is the artist's opinion of the foreigner group reasons for coming to Oceania? What editorial cartoon techniques does the artist use to display his opinion? Be sure to cite specific evidence from the picture to justify your response.

Do you agree or disagree with the cartoonist's opinion? Why?

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"How's this: you teach us how to irrigate and plant corn, and we'll decimate your tribe and name a baseball team after you."

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