

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Courtesy Randy Bish / Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Drawing on everyday themes

Talking points

1. Political cartoons are often defined as deeply serious commentary on the political and social issues of the day. But political cartoons aren't limited to weighty, important topics. Cartoonists also focus their pens on the comedy that surrounds us in everyday life. For example, Randy Bish wonders how a kid surrounded by gadgets and opportunities can possibly be bored. There are cartoon topics everywhere. All you have to do is look around and recognize them. Can you list a few?
2. Dictionary.com says "The essential feature of irony is the indirect presentation of a contradiction between an action or expression and the context in which it occurs." Is this cartoon, then, an example of irony? Explain.
3. What items could Bish include in his list if this cartoon were about you?

Get out your newspaper

Gather a collection of political cartoons from your newspaper and other resources. Using the Cartoon Evaluation Worksheet (available online at the NIE Website) analyze each cartoon and explain the issues addressed.

Additional resources

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
<http://editorialcartoonists.com/>

More by Randy Bish: <http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/BishR/>