

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Rob Rogers / The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Tooning into the Candidates: John McCain

Between the lines

Arizona Senator John McCain announced his candidacy for the 2008 presidential race in New Hampshire on April 25, 2007. If elected, the 70-year-old Republican would enter the White House as the oldest first-term president.

Talking points

1. McCain has been a vocal supporter of the war in Iraq, a stance that critics have focused on early in the campaign. Rob Rogers shows McCain blinded by his support of the war in this toon. Does the cartoonist support McCain's views? Explain. What do other Republican candidates say about the war?
2. McCain has said he still believes the Iraq war is winnable and "unfortunately, the American people are not being told of the progress that's being made" there. What would you draw to criticize that stance?
3. As a cartoonist, how would you defend McCain's views on the war in Iraq? List the possible symbols you might use and explain how they'd work visually to get that message across.

Get out your newspaper

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

Additional resources

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More by Rob Rogers
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