

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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Cartoons courtesy Karl Wimer / Denver Business Journal

## Tooning into the Constitution: Defending your freedoms

### Talking points

1. Karl Wimer's portrayal of cartoonists as warriors defending the Constitution might be a bit over the top, but he makes a good point. How do you think cartoonists protect your freedoms?
2. There's fun in the details here, pens are spears, an eraser is a shield. List some other ones you find.
3. Newspaper economics is portrayed as a giant force plucking a cartoonist from his post defending the Constitution. It doesn't look like a force the warriors are equipped to deal with. What will be the ultimate result, when the unstoppable force called "newspaper economics" removes all the cartoonists?

### Get out your newspaper

Gather a collection of political cartoons from your newspaper. 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 Karl Wimer

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/WimerK/>