

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Cartoons that make you think, not laugh

Between the lines

A catastrophic earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, killing tens of thousands and destroying much of the densely populated capital city. Up to three million survivors were still waiting for international aid in the aftermath days later.

Additional resources

More by Nick Anderson
<http://blogs.chron.com/nickanderson/>

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Talking points

1. Nick Anderson's cartoon about the devastating earthquake in Port-au-Prince, points out an ongoing tragedy that underscores the recent catastrophe in Haiti. Haiti is listed as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, but it took a deadly earthquake to mobilize the world to help. Was the hand sticking out of the rubble the first thing you noticed in the cartoon? Probably not. Is that a subtle part of the cartoonist's message?
2. What does the expression on Uncle Sam's face say to you?
3. Has the world ignored Haiti before the earthquake? When was the last time you noticed a news story about the country? How long do you think the attention will be focused on the Caribbean nation?