

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Between the lines

Studying political cartoons helps provide context to some basic literary concepts:

Satire: A literary work in which human vice or folly is attacked through irony, derision, or wit.

Irony: Something humorous based on contradiction: Words or situations suggesting the opposite of their literal meaning.

Sarcasm: Remarks that mean the opposite of what they seem to say and are intended to mock or deride

Additional resources

More by Kal
<http://cartoons.nytimes.com/>

Kal's website
<http://www.kaltoons.com/>

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

What's next for us in 2011?

Talking points

1. Each year, Kal's predictions provide a different perspective on current events. Using the definitions under *Between the Lines*, at left, assign each panel a category: Sarcasm, irony or satire.
2. Explain the issues each panel lampoons. Which do you think is the most important?
3. The first panel shows two people arguing in the belly of a shark labeled debt. Which argument do you think works: Spending your way out of debt or saving your way out?