

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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By Nate Beeler, The Washington Examiner, Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

## Between the lines

"In Greek Mythology the gods had condemned Sisyphus to ceaselessly rolling a rock to the top of a mountain, whence the stone would fall back of its own weight..."

-- Financial Times, April 4, 2011, <http://goo.gl/im2PZ>

Since January 2001, neither America's real GDP, nor its stock market, has registered any real gains. Oh, and neither has its workforce; there are no more people working today than there were 10 years ago, and they take home no more disposable income.

-- Blogs.Forbes.com, Apr. 29 2011, <http://goo.gl/wPa9l>

## Additional resources

More by Nate Beeler

[https://www.nytsyn.com/cartoons/cartoons?channel\\_id=336/](https://www.nytsyn.com/cartoons/cartoons?channel_id=336/)

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## Mixed metaphor: A Sisyphean golfer

### Talking points

3. How does the myth of Sisyphus fit the concept that Nate Beeler is trying to explain in his political cartoon? Can you explain the concept, Beeler's take and explain what the artist's stance is.

2. As if Sisyphus didn't have it hard enough, Beeler makes him a golfer in this illustration, making his task that much harder to accomplish. How does the golfer's role particularly fitting?

3. What recent event sparked the idea of depicting Obama as a Sisyphean golfer?