Middle School Social Studies Lesson Plan

Political/ Editorial Cartoon
• Lesson Plan Notes:
  o Prior knowledge needed:
    ▪ Political/ editorial cartoon purposes
• Skill:
  o Students will use inquiry to analyze the political/editorial cartoon
• Sunshine State Standard:
  o SS.8.A.1.2 - Analyze charts, graphs, maps, photographs and timelines; analyze political cartoons; determine cause and effect.
• Materials needed:
  o Electronic newspaper
  o Interactive whiteboard (IAWB)
  o Paper
  o Pencil
• Time Allotment:
  o One class period (40- 50 minutes)
• Activity:
  o Before class:
    ▪ Copy/ paste the cartoon to your IAWB
      • Hide the artists words on the cartoon
      • One copy for every group in the class
        o The idea is to have each individual comic available for future student use
  o During class:
    ▪ Show students the cartoon with no words
    ▪ In small groups, have students develop appropriate editorials
    ▪ Have groups complete the blank cartoon on the board
    ▪ Show students the original editorial cartoon
  o Extension/ Enrichment:
    ▪ Students can use appropriate resources to create their own image and words on the topic
• Assessment:
  o Student was able to work cooperatively in a group
  o Student was able to complete assignment appropriately