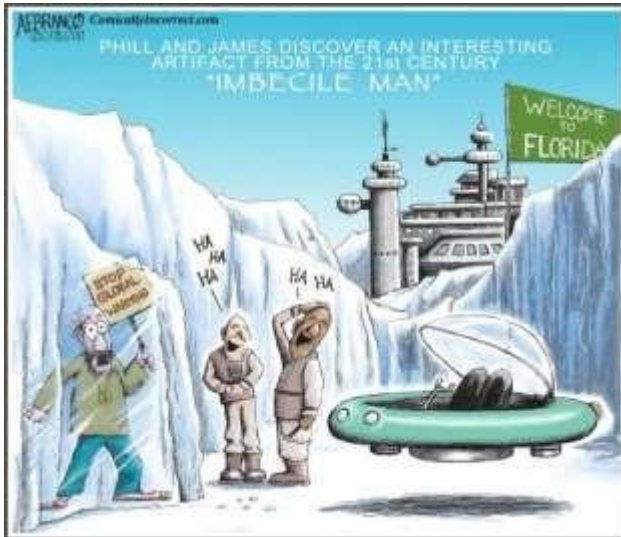


Introduction to Political Cartoons

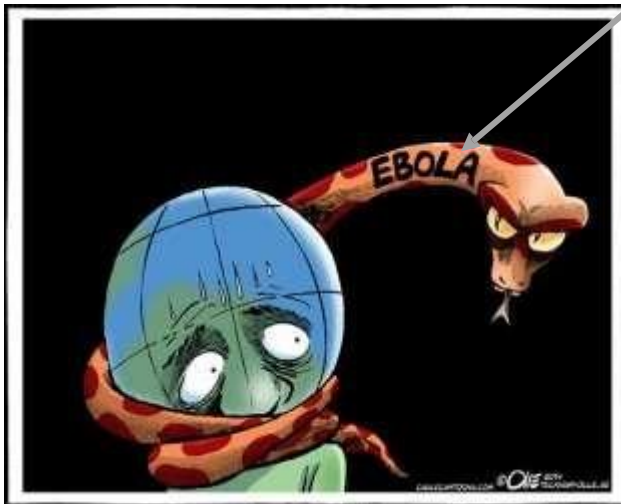
Political cartoons are a form of satire that usually make fun of political figures, movements, or ideas. Political cartoons usually work in several ways:



making an idea or person look really stupid. A lot of the opposite of what is happening in the picture. Or they just look really stupid. (Usually both)



2. Political cartoons often use labels and irony to make their points.



3. Cartoons often use familiar actions of things in an unrelated way. (i.e. snakes squeeze and suffocate their prey, but obviously there is no history of snakes constricting the globe. The artist above is using what you know about snakes to make his real point about Ebola.)

Now it's time to make your first political cartoon for this class. (But definitely not your last.) **Your cartoon MUST be about THE CURRENT UNIT!**

You CANNOT look up a political cartoon, redraw it and hand it in as your own. That is plagiarism and will result in a 0 grade for the assignment and an afterschool detention.

+10 For creating a thought provoking political cartoon. If you have any questions or need any help, feel free to ask the teacher.

Worksheet

1. What is the message that you want to send with your political cartoon?

2. Who needs to be drawn in your picture in order for you to send your message?

3. How will your audience (reader or viewer) know who the people are?

4. What will they be doing that will be making fun of them?

Doing the opposite of what they say they are trying to do

Ignoring what is happening around them

Making an observation which is clear to the reader that is false

Other _____

5. What else needs to be in your picture so that people will know what your cartoon is about?

Setting: _____

Other items requiring labeling: _____

Other items obvious to the reader: _____

6. Now you're ready! Review these answers with the teacher to make sure you don't spend too much time making the cartoon before you have a great idea that works. You can use picture or cartoon editing software online or hand-draw your cartoon.