

# CARTOONS

## 1. Describe the picture(s)

How many separate drawings has the cartoonist used?  
How does it help the meaning of the cartoon?

Who are the people, (current) events, or institutions depicted?  
(Brief summary; Note the source of this information) What is happening?

What (different) size are the characters and figures used in the drawings?  
What is in the background/foreground/center?

## 2. Words:

Has the cartoonist used labels/speech balloons/captions to help to get his/her ideas across?  
What words are in bold letters? (⇒ emotion eg EEK, YUK.)  
What words are made up to convey sound?

## 3. Symbols / Stylistic devices/ Bias:

What symbols are used? What do the symbols represent?  
How do the symbols help convey the message of the cartoon?  
Look for exaggeration, puns, irony and juxtaposition!

Who looks nice, kind, helpful? - Who looks ugly, nasty, stupid?  
What facial features are used to convey expressions eg: happiness, meanness, annoyance?  
Has the cartoonist taken sides?

## 4. Message/Interpretation:

What is the cartoon/comic strip saying?  
What ideas does the cartoonist want us to think about?  
What do you think about the issue?

