

Political Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

Directions: Use the following worksheet for *The Man That Blocks Up the Highway*, 1866.

Level 1

Visuals

1. List the people and objects you see in the cartoon.

Words

1. Identify the cartoon caption/title
2. Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon
3. Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon

Level 2

Visuals

2. Which of the objects on your list are symbols?
3. What do you think each symbol means?

Words

4. Which words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?
5. List adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon

Level 3

- A. Describe the action taking place in the cartoon.

B. Explain how the words in the cartoon clarify the symbols.

Text Bubbles

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C. Explain the message of the cartoon

D. What is the bias of the author/illustrator of the cartoon? Who is his audience and why?