

Describing a Political Cartoon to an Imaginary Visually-Impaired Friend

For this assignment you will pretend that you wish to share your views on a political cartoon that you have recently read with a friend who is visually impaired. Your friend has software that will read text aloud, but cannot see the actual cartoon.

1. Write a meaningful subject line to clarify the topic of your message. Think of the subject line as the title of paper. Provide the narrowed subject and your viewpoint: A Funny Political Cartoon Criticizing Taxes.

2. Open your e-mail with a noun of direct address (You will need to create a name for your imaginary visually-impaired friend.) or a greeting (salutation):

Eduardo,

Dear Emily,

3. Create context for your reader (your imaginary visually-impaired friend). Tell him/her the name of the cartoonist, the date of publication, and the name of the newspaper where you found it.

4. Express your viewpoint.

5. Describe the political cartoon in a manner that your friend can experience it. Use specific names, details, and at least two comparisons.

6. Explain your viewpoint about the cartoon.

8. Invite response from your friend.

9. End with your name.

Use standard spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar. Do not use slang. For a slightly more informal tone, you may use contractions.