

World History

Analyzing a Political Cartoon

Essential Question: What were the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles?

ENGAGE

Start by watching *Archdukes, Cynicism, and World War I: Crash Course World History* for an overview of WWI. Click on the picture below to watch the video.



Now read [Signing the Treaty of Versailles, 1919](#) from Eyewitness to History. What were the terms of peace for Germany?

EXPLORE



A cartoon that appeared in a British newspaper in 1919

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Picture from <http://fulbrightsamericanhistory.blogspot.com/>

Click on the picture to open up a larger version in a new tab. While Looking at the picture answer the following the questions:

What objects do you see in the cartoon?

What people do you see in the cartoon?

What words or phrases are used in the cartoon?

EXPLAIN

According to Merriam-Webster a symbol is “something that stands for or suggests something else by reason of relationship, association, convention, or accidental resemblance” <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/>

Artists who draw the political cartoons use many different symbols and other devices to make their point. Review this [Cartoon Analysis Checklist](#) before you answer the next questions.

Write your answers in the space below the question.

Identify any SYMBOLS used in the cartoon. What do they represent?

Identify any STEREOTYPES AND CARICATURE used in the cartoon.

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Identify any VISUAL DISTORTION used in the cartoon.

ELABORATE

Now that you have looked at the different devices used in the political cartoon, what do you think is the message of the cartoon? Write your answer in the space below.

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EVALUATE



Do you think that the political cartoon is for or against the Treaty of Versailles? Why? Use evidence from the cartoon to support your answer.

Click on the Vote button to answer these questions in a Google Form.

We will use the answers in the Google Form for an in class discussion.