

Political Cartoon Activity

You will be working in pairs to create a political cartoon.

Guidelines:

Your cartoon must either *praise* British colonial policy, or *criticize* British colonial policy.

You should give your cartoon a title and a caption.

To the best of your ability, incorporate symbolism, metaphors, and similes into the cartoon.

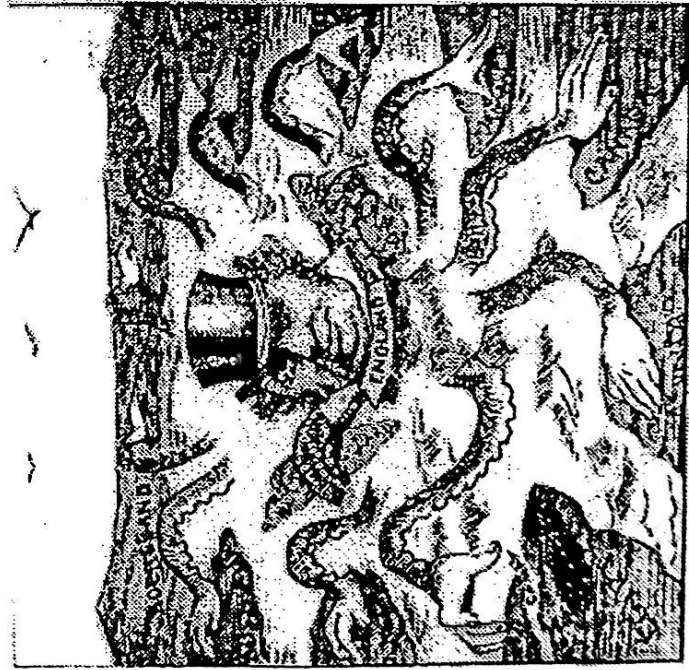
Timeline:

Brainstorm – 10 minutes

Draw/Label – 10 minutes

Color/Add Detail – 5 minutes

Example of a Political Cartoon:



In this cartoon, the large tentacle sea creature is a *metaphor* for England. Its tentacles, representing British *Imperialism*, spread throughout the globe into Canada, Egypt, Australia, etc.

Political Cartoon Rubric:

Category	Excellent (4)	Satisfactory (3)	Emerging (2)	Unacceptable (1)
Subject Matter/Historical Reference	Student clearly shows an exceptional understanding of the political concept and surrounding historical issues.	Student shows a strong understanding of the political concept and surrounding historic issues.	Student shows a limited understanding of the political concept and surrounding historic issues.	Student shows no understanding of the political concept and surrounding historic issues.
Clarity of Topic	Student's point of view is clearly well conveyed.	Student's point of view is somewhat well conveyed.	Student's point of view is marginally conveyed.	The student's point of view is poorly conveyed.
Effort	Outstanding effort put into the presentation and message.	Good effort put into the presentation and message.	Limited effort put into the presentation and message.	No effort put into the presentation or message.
Visual Presentation	Text and graphics are clearly legible and appropriate for the topic.	Text and graphics are mostly legible and appropriate for the topic.	Text and graphics are somewhat legible and appropriate for the topic.	The text and graphics are not legible nor appropriate for the topic.

Total: _____/16

Grade: _____