

POLITICAL CARTOON INSTRUCTIONS & RUBRIC

REQUIREMENTS:

1. One 8½ X 11 White non-lined sheet of paper (you must use the full sheet)
2. Hand drawn
3. Colored (by color pencils only – no markers, pens, crayons, water colors, etc)
4. The **BACK** of the cartoon should have:
 - a. Title of Cartoon
 - b. Name
 - c. Date
 - d. Class period

HOW DO I BEGIN TO CREATE A POLITICAL CARTOON?

First you must ask yourself, “What is the issue I want to write about?” Why is this issue important to you? Is there something which stands out to you as not right, something emotional or does the issue seem hypocritical?

Political Cartoons are designed to send a message, make a point, influence opinion, or ridicule (make fun of)

QUESTION(S) TO ANSWER IN WRITING:

Paragraph 1: What is the Scramble for Africa?

Questions to consider:

- What led to the Scramble for Africa?
- What is the Berlin Conference
- Why is this important?
- Who is to blame?
- What is imperialism?

Paragraph 2: Explain your political cartoon.

- Describe what is going on in your political cartoon. Be specific.
- How does it relate to or symbolize the Scramble for Africa.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is very easy to copy the idea and drawings of cartoons that have already been done. Even taking a cartoon and changing a few items is plagiarism and will receive a “0” on your assignment. You must come up with an original idea.