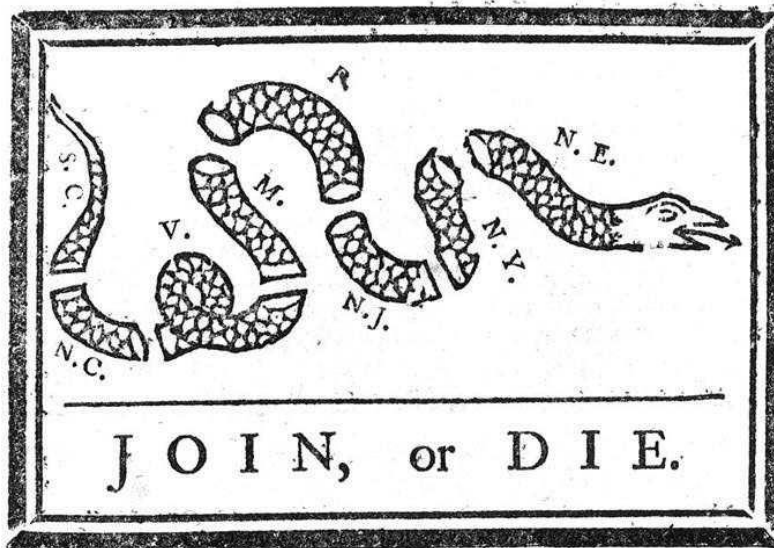


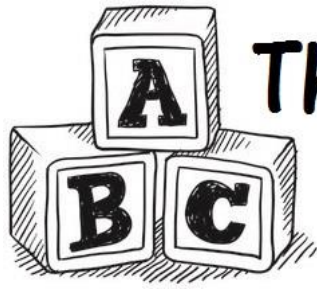
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# POLITICAL CARTOONS

- 1 Describe the first American political cartoon.
- 2 When was it created?
- 3 Who drew it?
- 4 What was its general subject?
- 5 What purpose do political cartoons serve?
- 6 Who was the most renowned American political cartoonist of the 1800s?
- 7 What is probably the most famous caricature created by American political cartoonists?
- 8 Who was James Montgomery Flagg?
- 9 Who was America's great political cartoonist during the late 1900s?





# The ABCs of Solving Political Cartoons

**❶ What major images do I see?**

*Are any of the images easily identified, such as Uncle Sam or monsters?*

**❷ How are each of the key images unique?**

*Exaggerations or distortions? Positioning? Size? Amount?*

**❸ Is there significant body language or facial expression?**

*Do relationships (e.g. friendship, animosity) or emotion (e.g. happy smile, angry clenched fist) exist?*

**❹ Is there a familiar theme?**

*Basic stories that any person knows, such as the three “no evil” monkeys or hitting a home run?*

**❺ Are there any words?**

*Are any of the images labeled? Does the cartoon have a caption?*

**❻ Is the publication information important?**

*Who is the cartoonist? When was the cartoon drawn? What newspaper published the cartoon?*

**❼ What do I know about history?**

*Tragic event? Great politician? Important movement?*

