

# Studying U.S. Elections with Political Cartoons

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## Review Worksheet

Answer the following questions in your group, and prepare to share your answers in a class discussion.

1. How do political cartoons convey ideas about politics that are universal and not specific to one time?
2. How does a cartoonist's use of personification (representing ideas or organizations as a person or animal) help convey complex ideas through simple drawings?
3. The cartoons in this lesson were all created between 1900 and 1931 by one artist, Clifford K. Berryman. Do Berryman's depictions of how parties contested elections in his time match how elections are contested today?
4. Can you identify particular characteristics of elections shown in these cartoons that are most likely present in elections in any time period?

