Political Cartoons Project

*A political cartoon is an illustration containing political or social messages that usually relate to current events or personalities.*

**Instructions:**

Find 3 political cartoons from each of the following eras: 1865-1900, 1901-1945, 1946-1975. Each political cartoon needs its own page and a typed paragraph (minimum) comprised of complete sentences needs to be written below the cartoon. This paragraph needs to include the following:

* Description of what is happening in the cartoon
* What year it was published
* Who is being depicted
* The message of the cartoon
* Issue being presented
* Side being taken on that issue/point being made
* Visuals that cue you to these answers/breakdown of imagery
* Your opinion on the effectiveness of the cartoon

In addition, you will need a cover page with your name, class period, date due, and the title of the project. You may decorate the title page however you like. In all, your project should have 10 pages (title page and 9 pages each with a cartoon and paragraph). These pages should be numbered.

You will turn this in on Turnitin.com by **Sunday May 5th at 11:59 PM**. If your project is turned in any time after this it will be considered late and will achieve no higher than a “C”. DON’T’ WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

**Rubric (77 Points)**

* 2 points per cartoon
* 6 points per description
* 5 points cover page and formatting/following directions

***Note:*** *Cartoons published outside of the allotted date ranges will receive 0 credit. Do research to make sure your cartoon is within the date range. A good idea is to find the event the cartoon is discussing and be sure it happened in the date range. You will only get credit for 3 cartoons from each date range.*