




Civil War and Reconstruction-era Political Cartoons

The Civil War and Reconstruction eras were among the most politically divisive times in American history. Often, political vitriol was expressed in the form of political cartoons in magazines and periodicals - 19th century versions of memes designed to advance a cause or denigrate an opposing viewpoint.

Political cartoons often used graphic or exaggerated images, propaganda, and sarcastic or humorous text.

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<p>This cartoon ridicules the idea supported by “Copperhead” Democrats that the South should rejoin the Union.</p>	<p>Cartoon expressing support for Lincoln’s reelection bid in 1864.</p>	<p>Impeachment of Andrew Johnson</p>

In the spirit of the political cartoons, design your own about a policy you may disagree about at home or at school. While your cartoon can be funny, be respectful to your parents and teachers.