Create a Political Cartoon:

Political cartoons are a pictorial editorial and artistic social commentary. They provide a chance to express social and political views creatively, beyond the boundaries of the written word. Political cartoons can be used to influence viewers or make them think about the current issues of the day. They can be used to:

(1) promote the status quo (support what is going on);

(2) raise awareness of social concerns;

(3) motivate people to seek change.

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| You live in Totalitaria and are deeply concerned with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (issue).  You happen to know a man who owns a printing press and believe the public must understand this issue better. It just so happens that most people cannot read, so you decide to create a political cartoon instead so that the masses will be better informed of the issue. |

**Criteria**:

The political cartoon must:

* be produced on a sheet of chart paper
* be hand-drawn as neatly as possible.
* be an original creation.
* take one issue from the reading to either: promote the status quo, raise social concerns, or motivate people to seek change
* be coloured or appropriately shaded.
* use appropriate symbols, dimensions, exaggerations, labeling, analogies, irony, etc. (the techniques) to convey the message.
* be accompanied by half to one page summary of your cartoon that explains the message(s) and how you used certain techniques to convey the message(s).
* Be shared with the class as a whole

We’ll be sharing today. So, don’t just sit there, get to it!