

Share Your Opinion

An editorial cartoon (right) is used to express an opinion about an event or a person and is nearly always political in nature. They focus on a single issue and present a specific viewpoint, and they are traditionally found in the editorial section of the newspaper.

In this case, George Washington is kicking King George III out of the U.S. in a literal expression of independence.

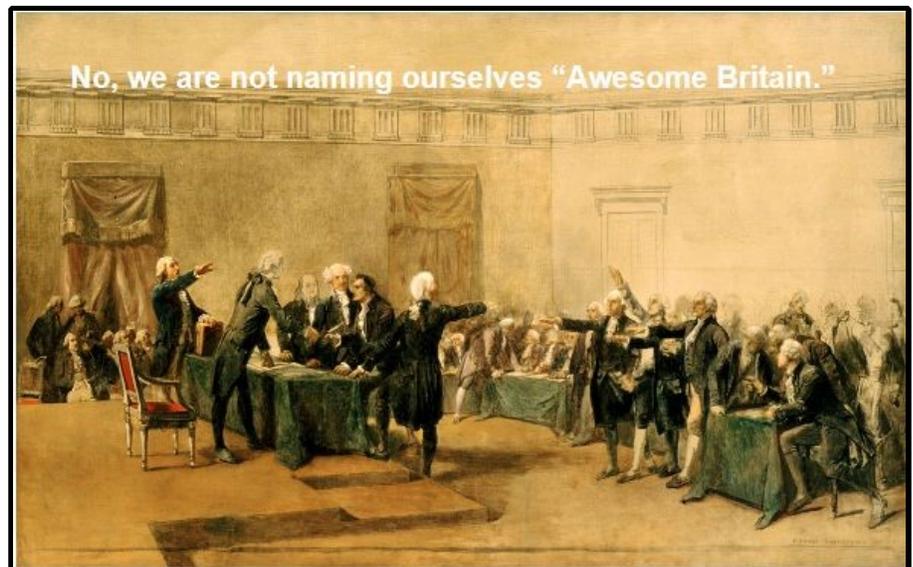
The images in the editorial cartoon will often be symbols, and images will sometimes be labeled for clarity. For example, you will see that “Washington” is written on George’s cape, just in case the reader doesn’t recognize him from the drawing.



A meme is a more humorous, much less serious image and is typically a photograph or painting. The image is paired with text. It can be political or it can be funny. It does not have to be based in fact, and it can be found anywhere on the internet. The meme to the right imagines a discussion where Congress debated the name of the new nation.

In this meme, someone apparently wants to name the new nation “Awesome Britain,” which makes fun of the name “Great Britain.”

For this assignment, you’re going to imagine that it is March 4, 1789, and that the Senate is meeting for the first



time. Your job is to create an editorial cartoon that comments on one aspect of the Senate that you do or do not agree with.

Next, you are going to create a meme about the newly created Senate. Here, you can simply be silly. Remember that it is 1789, and that you want to focus on one aspect of the Senate.

Topics that you might consider:

- The six-year term limit
- A bicameral legislature
- The process for turning a bill into a law
- Checks and balances
- Qualifications for office
- Working with the House of Representatives
- Being able to override a presidential veto

Once you have your ideas, start to sketch them out. Make sure that everything is clearly labeled and easy to identify.