

The Cold War and Brown v. Board of Education
Political Post Analysis Key
Extended Lesson Plan

Teacher notes and description

Cartoon 1 “Freedoms American Style”

The main caption underneath this poster reads, “Freedoms American Style”. Looking at the picture at first glance you will see an armed police man (with a club and handcuffs) on top of the Statue of Liberty’s shoulders. He had already locked her lips as if to silence her and limit her personal freedom. Over his shoulder on the right side you will see a tall building called “Wall Street”. It is much higher than the Statue as if to symbolize that Wall Street and business dwarfs individuals and their freedoms. In the next four boxes (two on each side of the Statue) shows some of the Freedoms we express in the United States however they represent how the Government restricts them. The top left box shows a man blowing his horn at some ducks representing the Government showing control of what the press releases. Below that is a representation of a judge making his verdict. The paper in his hand is labeled “verdict” and is showing limitations on the Freedom of Opinion. The top right box shows personal freedoms, and is shown by the KKK with guns in their hands lynching a man. Below that is a representation of Freedom of Assembly. In the background of the picture shows an assembly of people and in the foreground it shows the police coming to control the crowd.

Cartoon 2 “Is this a Freedom?”

One analysis of the picture could be - you see a cross being burned and below it is the Statue of Liberty with her arm extended. Her arm appears to be extended fully stopping her flame at the very base of the cross as if she were to be the one to light the cross on fire. Next to her hand there are eyes hidden under the hoods of what appears to be the KKK.

Cartoon 3 “Shame on America”

The main focus of the cartoon is on the murdered African American who was shown to have been killed in a criminal act. this could have been produced at any time from 1925 to 1989.

Cartoon 4 “In USSR there are many new in USA schools are being closed all the time”.

In the top picture of the USSR and their schools it shows a young girl dressed, ready for school carrying flowers and book. The school is built tall and sturdy showing a stable environment. The picture is bright and welcoming showing happiness within the students who are excited and ready for learning. However below it shows a broken down school with boards over the doors. It is dark and the school is unwelcoming with a “school closed sign” in front. The girl in the foreground has her back to us with her head down showing depression.

Cartoon 5 “The Rights of Man – in America”

In the picture there are two men, one dark skinned and one white. The white man is ringing a bell labeled “Concern about the rights of man” and the chain of the bell is wrapped around the black man’s mouth, locked in place with a lock “made in USA” symbolizing the restricted rights of man. The caption underneath reads, “The rights of man – American style”.

Cartoon 6 “**Liberty Jail**”

The picture shows the Statue of Liberty standing tall above a supposed jail cell. The stripes of the American flag are shown as the bars of the cell. The caption reads “If it is a free system here, then what do you call a prison?”