**Reading the Message in Political Cartoons**

A political Cartoon is a drawing with a specific message. It is usually humorous, but can be serious. To get the message across, artists will use:

1. **Caricature:** drawing of a person where 1 or more features are exaggerated

   

1. **Analogy:** Using Historical, Cultural, and Literary references to convey the message

  

1. **Words:** Titles, Captions, Dialogue, tags to explain the meaning of the image

\*\*Read Everything!\*\*

1. **Symbols**: objects, facial expressions, images, colours, size, etc. with another meaning (aiding the message)

Example: Diamonds for wealth, skull for death, dove for peace.

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| **Object** | **Meaning** | **Another object** | **Clothing/ costume** | **Possible issue** |
| Top Hat | Wealth/ status | Diamond | Tuxedo | poverty |
| 4 leaf clover |  |  |  |  |
| Icicle |  |  |  |  |
| Olive branch | Peace offering |  |  |  |
| pen | Communication |  |  |  |
| toque |  |  |  |  |
| sword |  |  |  |  |
| whip |  |  |  |  |

For Each Country, list an animal, costume, object of word associated with that country

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| **Country** | **Animal** | **Costume / clothing** | **Object/ word** |
| Australia | Kangaroo | Bushman’s Hat | boomerang |
| Canada |  |  |  |
| France |  |  |  |
| China |  |  |  |
| United States |  |  |  |

What meaning is associated with the following animals?

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| **Animal** | **Meaning** |
| Fox |  Sly / cunning |
| Black cat |  |
| Lamb |  |
| Lion |  |
| Octopus |  |
| Peacock |  |
| Spider |  |
| Vulture |  |
| Wolf |  |
| monkey |  |

What is the meaning/ message of this cartoon?

