

## Political Cartooning in the Progressive Era

We've looked at a number of political cartoons over the past few weeks. Political cartoons are more than just pictures - they are an important method for conveying information and messages about society's values, norms and beliefs. This medium was all the more important in the 19th century when literacy rates were not nearly as high as they are today.

CARTOON A



CARTOON B



Looking at the cartoons above, CHOOSE ONE and answer the questions below:

1. **Describe** what is happening in the cartoon. (Who/what is pictured, how they are shown, etc.)
2. **Explain** how this cartoon relates to historical events/issues of the time period.
3. **Analyze** what you think the artist's message is.

**YOUR ASSIGNMENT is to create your own political cartoon about life in the Industrial Age.** Choose something we've covered in this unit to comment on, parody, or highlight for the public in a political cartoon.