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### Chapter 5 - Political Cartoon Grade Sheet

Political viewpoints, as expressed in Benjamin Franklin's famous "Join or Die" cartoon, have been a part of the American press for over two hundred and fifty years. Political cartoons are one way we demonstrate the core democratic value of freedom of speech. In this assignment, you will need to choose and complete one of the following:

1. Draw a political cartoon that depicts a tax act that led to the American Revolution. (See the back for a list of English acts.)
2. Draw a political cartoon to illustrate your point of view about an event or issue that is in the news today.
3. Political cartoons employ symbolism. Draw a cartoon using symbolism about America and have it make a statement about what you think of the country.

**Drawing Format** 10 pts. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ use plain, 8 ½ x 11 white paper, no lines (2)  
\_\_\_\_ neatly use colored pencil, crayon, or marker—no pencil (3)  
\_\_\_\_ fill up the page with your cartoon—don't leave a lot of white space (5)

**Written Format** 10 pts. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ write on the front (cartoon side) your name, hour and date in the upper right-hand corner (2)  
\_\_\_\_ write on the bottom (cartoon side) a sentence explaining your drawing (4)  
\_\_\_\_ write in blue or black ink, no pencil (2)  
\_\_\_\_ use correct spelling and punctuation (2)

**Overall** 10 pts. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ make time and effort apparent (4)  
\_\_\_\_ use creativity—add color! (4) but just say "no" to glitter  
\_\_\_\_ make it neat—no smudges, rips, or crumpled paper (2)

**TOTAL** 30 pts. \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_