

Pearl Harbor Political Cartoon Assignment and Rubric

Directions: Using the documents and discussion in class, answer the question, *What makes Pearl Harbor a defining moment in American history?* Create a political cartoon to illustrate your stance on this issue.

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Emerging
Concept	Guiding question is answered and position is clear and easily identifiable.	Guiding question is answered and position is identifiable.	Guiding question answer is identifiable; position may be unclear.	Answer to guiding question and position are unclear.
Visual Presentation and Creativity	Cartoon is neat and clean. Creative graphics are used exceptionally well. Captions are clever and readable.	Cartoon is neat and clean. Creative graphics are used. Captions are included and readable.	Cartoon is somewhat neat. Some creative graphics are used. Captions are included.	Cartoon is messy. Graphics are lacking. Captions are omitted or unreadable.
Historical Content	Cartoon clearly conveys an understanding of historical content. Excellent use of appropriate symbolism. Title is clear, clever, and relevant to the topic.	Cartoon conveys understanding of the issue. Uses appropriate symbolism. Title is clear and relevant to the topic.	Cartoon conveys a limited understanding of the issue. Attempts to use symbolism. Title is unclear or irrelevant to the topic.	Cartoon conveys little or no understanding of the issue. Does not use symbolism. Title is missing.