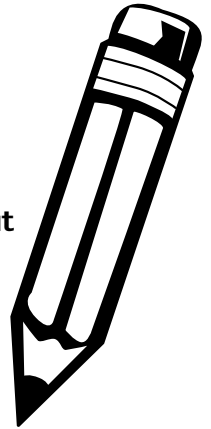


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# Express Yourself

An editorial cartoon is a visual expression of a person's opinion on a topic or an issue. *Scholastic News* regularly publishes editorial cartoons. One appears on page 7 of this week's issue. You can draw your own! Think about a school issue or topic about which you have a strong opinion. Then follow the instructions below to learn how to visually express yourself!



**1. RESEARCH THE ISSUE.** Get the facts surrounding the issue on which you want to express your opinion. What is the issue? What are the different sides of the issue? What supporting details can you use to support your opinion?

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**2. DEFINE YOUR OPINION.** Write down a few topic sentences or key words to sum up your position on the issue. These ideas will help you create your editorial cartoon.

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**3. SKETCH YOUR IDEAS.** What symbols or images best represent the issue? What symbols or images best represent your opinion about the issue? How can you put them together in a single image? On a separate sheet of paper, draw a rough draft, or sketch, of the images you select.

**4. DRAW YOUR EDITORIAL CARTOON.** In the box to the right, draw the final draft of your editorial cartoon. Make sure you label, or identify, important characters, places, and symbols so that readers can understand what your cartoon is about.

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