MacArthur Memorial Education Programs
World War I: Interpreting Political Cartoons

Directions: Use the political cartoons below to answer the questions.

1. Who is represented in this political cartoon?

2. What are the characters in the cartoon doing? How does this cartoon relate to World War I?

3. What other aspects of World War I have you discussed that relate to this cartoon?

4. What do you think about the situation portrayed in the cartoon? How would you rank it in terms of importance? Why?
1. Describe what is happening in the above political cartoon.

2. Why do you think the author chose to represent the European countries in this manner? Do you think this is an accurate depiction?

3. Draw your own political cartoon depicting the above situation.
1. Who is represented in this political cartoon? What led you to that conclusion?

2. What is the person in the cartoon doing?

3. What do his actions say about him? Do you think this is an accurate depiction? Why or why not?

4. Ultimately, what happens to the country this person represents?
1. What is the Marne? Where is it located?

2. Who do you think the people in the political cartoon represent? Why?

3. What event is depicted in the cartoon? What led you to this conclusion?

4. Why do you think both 1918 and 1944 are listed in the cartoon? To what do those dates refer? What is their connection?