**Interpreting a satirical cartoon**

1.       Describe accurately what you see in the cartoon. List the objects or people that you see in the cartoon.

2.       Describe what is happening in the four quadrants (divide into four) of the cartoon.

3.       Which objects/people are symbols? What do you think each one means?

4.       Are there any important clues (words, places, numbers) in the cartoon? Are lines, shapes and shading used at all symbolically? (ie shading can represent darkness or evil, some lines indicate a character's movement.)

5.       What comic conventions have been used which add meaning? (See sheet on comic conventions.)

6.       What is the political or social issue presented in the cartoon?

7.       What is the cartoonist's viewpoint on this issue? How do you know?

8.       Who might agree/disagree with the cartoon? Why?

9.       Describe how you were able to interpret this cartoon; ie why have you drawn certain conclusions. Explanation in depth.

In brief:

WHAT is in the cartoon; what does it consist of?

WHAT/WHO is being satirised; ie what is the target of the satire?

WHAT is the purpose or intention of this cartoon?

WHAT techniques have been used to convey this?

IS the cartoon an effective one and why?