

INTERPRETING POLITICAL CARTOONS – EXTRA CREDIT

🔍 Google “today’s political cartoons” OR check out the political cartoons at:

www.cagle.com/

editorialcartoonists.com/#top

<http://townhall.com/political-cartoons>

Interpret the political cartoon by addressing the following:

- Event illustrated
- Characters
- Symbols and their meanings
- Satire / Humor
- Cartoonist’s message or opinion

To analyze a political cartoon, consider its:

- ❑ CONTENT. First, basically describe what is drawn in the cartoon (without referring to the labels). What is depicted? What is happening?
- ❑ CONTEXT. Consider the timing. What is happening in national events at the time of the cartoon? Check the date: what occurred in the days and weeks before the cartoon appeared?
- ❑ LABELS. Read each label; look for labels that are not apparent at first, and for other written content in the cartoon.
- ❑ SYMBOLS. Name the symbols in the cartoons. What do they mean? How do they convey the cartoon’s meaning?
- ❑ TITLE. Study the title. Is it a statement, question, exclamation? Does it employ a well-known phrase, slang, song lyric, movie title, radio show, political product slogan? How does it encapsulate and enhance the cartoonist’s point?
- ❑ TONE. Identify the tone of the cartoon. Is it satirical, comic, tragic, ironic, condemning, quizzical, imploring? What adjective describes the feeling of the cartoon? How do the visual elements in the drawing align with its tone?
- ❑ POINT. Put it all together. What is the cartoonist’s point?

Your explanation should be **no less than one paragraph**.

🔍 All cartoons must be cited per the example on the back.

🔍 Each cartoon explanation is worth up to **10 points**.

🔍 You may turn in up to 6...no more than ONE every 2 weeks.

Cartoons must be current unless approved otherwise.

Current means in the last 2 weeks.

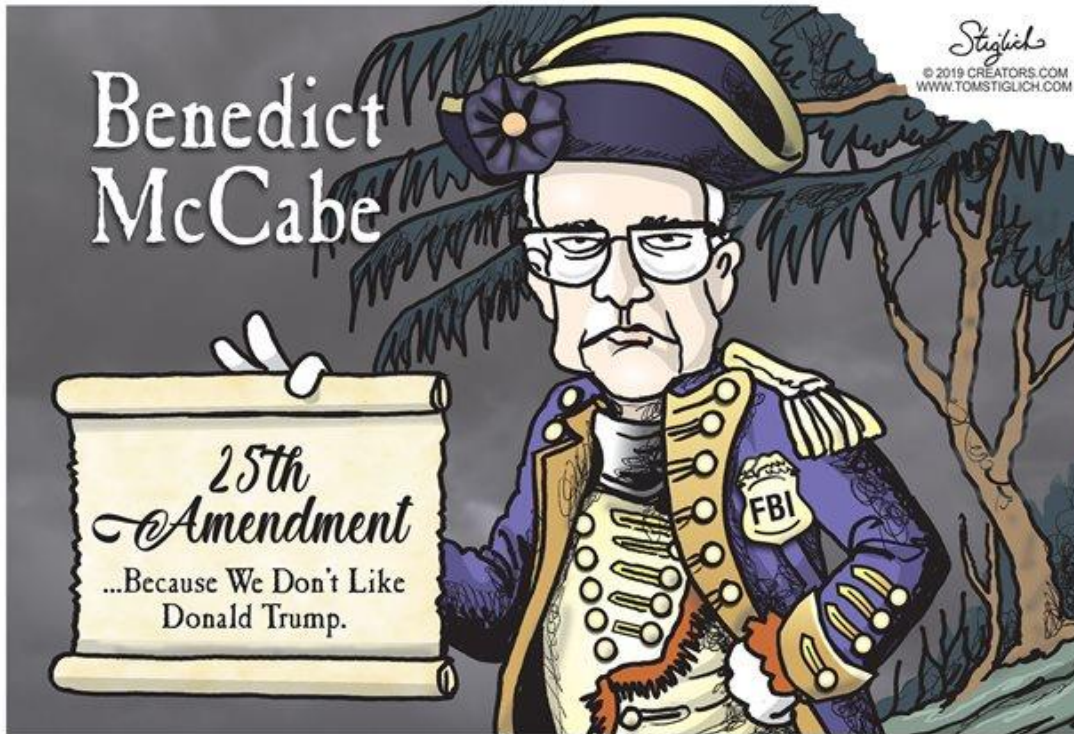
🔍 Explanations **must be TYPED and shared with me on Google docs**. Proper English & mechanics are expected.

🔍 **Failure to follow directions will result in no credit.**

🔍 **Last cartoon due date is Friday, May 17, 2019 @ 230p.**



MODEL STUDENT RESPONSE



Thursday, February 21, 2019

This cartoon was published on February 21. The cartoon is a satire of a recent event where disgraced, former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe has published a book critical of the Trump Administration. McCabe was forced out of the FBI for lying under oath to Congress among other things. He published a book that revealed he was part of a plot to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove the President from office (simply because establishment politicians and bureaucrats didn't like Trump) shortly after he was elected. He is also the person responsible for hiring a special prosecutor (Robert Muller) to begin the Russia investigation which so far hasn't produced any evidence of collusion by the Trump Campaign. The cartoonist obviously believes that McCabe is a traitor as he references McCabe as being "Benedict" McCabe in a revolutionary war uniform. The Benedict comment refers to Benedict Arnold who was a revolutionary war traitor. The cartoonist is not a fan of McCabe and thinks his justification for invoking the 25th Amendment is petty and maybe pathetic.

Cartoon link: <https://townhall.com/political-cartoons/2019/02/20/163559>

For more on this see...

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/former-top-fbi-lawyer-2-trump-cabinet-officials-were-ready-to-support-25th-amendment-effort>

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