AMERICAN CIV. – 2020 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT (optional)

Portfolio of Political Cartoons

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**Assignment:** For the next nine weeks you are encouraged to create a portfolio of **TEN** political cartoons that specifically address current events from this summer, June through the beginning of September (Approximately 9 weeks). The cartoons must focus on political and cultural events that have had a domestic or international impact. Your selection of topics within your portfolio must be different.

All cartoons and explanations should be neatly prepared in a digital slide presentation such as Power Point, Google Slides, Prezi, etc.

**Grading:** Students who have successfully completed the summer assignment will receive up to a 5% boost to their 1st quarter (MP1) grades in both American Civilization English and US/VA History classes.

**Requirements:**

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| 1. A copy of the cartoon must be attached with typed explanation.  |
| 2. Explain the **meaning** the cartoon in one to two paragraphs.  |
| 3. Explain the **symbolism,** if any, within the cartoon. |
| 4. Provide your reaction to the cartoon and the specific event that is the focus of the artist. |
| 5. The 10 cartoons must each focus on different topics. |
| 6. Media outlets that provide political cartoons:

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| [theweek.com/cartoons](https://theweek.com/cartoons) | [www.washingtontimes.com/cartoons/](https://www.washingtontimes.com/cartoons/) |
| [www.usnews.com/cartoons](http://www.usnews.com/cartoons) | [www.nationalreview.com/photos/category/cartoons/](http://www.nationalreview.com/photos/category/cartoons/) |
| [www.usatoday.com/opinion/cartoons/](http://www.usatoday.com/opinion/cartoons/) | [www.washingtonpost.com/syndication/cartoonists/](http://www.washingtonpost.com/syndication/cartoonists/) |
| [www.newyorker.com/humor](http://www.newyorker.com/humor) | New York Times |
| [www.wsj.com/news/opinion](http://www.wsj.com/news/opinion) |  |

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| 7. The project is due at the end of the second week of school. |



(Identify the significance of this political cartoon.)

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