

Comics and Content

How does course content apply to other texts and messages? In this Comics and Content activity, students post a caption for a collection of peer captions. Once they post their caption, they can see everyone else's take on the comic.



Captions from an International Studies class focusing on Russia.

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Brief Overview of Strategy

Select comics related to topic under discussion in class and remove the caption. Students create their own caption. Instructors can use Moodle and create a Q & A Forum to post the cartoons. Once students finish the class can review all of the captions and judge for relevance, select the most appropriate response, etc. This is a fun activity.

Type of Strategy: In-class active learning

Purpose: To interpret the intent of the cartoonist/satirist by creating a meaningful caption.

Type of Course: Undergraduate/Honors College/Online

Name of Course: HC 205 Defining the New Russia and PS 337 Post Soviet Politics

Typical Number of Students in Course: 20-25 though immaterial

Ease in which strategy could be modified and/or applied to other courses: Easy

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