



POLITICAL CARTOONS



GETTING STARTED

Why do you believe the American Revolution started? What were colonists upset about?

IMAGE OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS

Image 1

The Horse America, Throwing His Master

Image 2 from Virtual Museum: (your choice)

Who is pictured? What is happening? What message do they think this image is sending?
How does this fit with your understanding of why colonists were upset?

Image 1

Image 2

What does this image NOT tell you? Why do you think these things are not included? Did the artist make any assumptions about what their audience would already know? Why or why not?

Image 1

Image 2

Who may have created this political cartoon? What perspective do you think they were trying to share? Do you think the artist would have considered him/herself a Revolutionary? Why or why not?

Image 1

Image 2

OBJECT OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS

Now that you've analyzed both images, what similarities and differences do you notice between them?

What do these two images tell you about people's political opinions in Revolutionary America?
Do you think that they tell you the whole story? What else might you want to know?

CREATE YOUR OWN POLITICAL CARTOON

Choose a topic that you care about now or one that interests you from the American Revolution. Create your own political cartoon related to this topic below or on another page. You can draw your own pictures or copy/paste images from the internet and make edits or add captions to help assign meaning to them.