11. Explain the message of the cartoon in complete thought.

10. Explain how the words in the cartoon help convey the symbols.

9. What action is taking place in the cartoon? Describe it.

8. List at least 3 adjectives that describe the emotions portrayed in the cartoon. Include whatever try to think of.

7. Which of the words or phrases in the cartoon appear to be the most significant? Why do you think so?

6. Record any important dates or numbers that appear in the cartoon.

5. Locate the words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify the objects or people within the cartoon. Write them.

4. Identify the cartoon caption and/or title.

3. What does each of the symbols represent?

2. Which of the objects or people you see in the cartoon represent words (not all cartoons contain words)?

1. List the objects and/or people you see in the cartoon. (What are the images?)

The cartoon is thought to be the first "American" cartoon. The following cartoon was created by Benjamin Franklin and sketched during his presentation of the Albany Plan of Union. The cartoon was used to express American sentiments and demonstrate their independence.

The Albany Plan of Union was presented over by a royal governor. This "Albany Plan of Union" was designed to help unite the American colonies under one group. Colonial legislatures would elect delegates to an American constitutional assembly. Under this plan, each colonial legislature would elect delegates to an American constitutional assembly. In June 1774 delegates from most of the northern colonies and representatives from the six Hudson Valley states met in Albany, New York. These they hoped to form a "plan of union" created by Benjamin Franklin. A meeting of the representatives was held on May 8, 1775, in Annapolis, Maryland. The meeting was a failure, and nothing was accomplished. The cartoonist used his artwork to express his views on the Albany Plan of Union.