

Explore:

Political Cartoons and the End of Slavery

Directions: Have students fill out the graphic organizer and answer the analysis questions while looking at the three political cartoons.

Cartoon Title	What Do I See?	Is the Illustrator Supportive or Against Emancipation? Explain Your Reasoning.
"Lincoln's Last Warning" (1862)		
"King Abraham Before and After Issuing the Emancipation Proclamation" (1862)		
"Emancipation" (1865)		

Analysis Questions:

1. How do these cartoons reflect different views on the institution of slavery?
2. The “King Abraham” cartoon shows Lincoln as deceptive. Explain why given your understanding of how Lincoln’s initial 1861 proclamation about the war being simply a fight to end a rebellion differs from the later Emancipation Proclamation which put slavery as a major reason for the war.
3. What makes the last cartoon unique compared to the other two?