Guiding Concepts for Political Cartoons:

First question to the students: What do you notice in this picture? What is this a scene of?

Caricature: What features are exaggerated in this picture? (Why are certain countries depicted as certain animals?) (Pig holding a spoon, etc.)(Napkins and mugs bearing flags)

Analogy: The actions that depict what is going to happen next. (What kind of position are the animals in?) What do you see in the background? What is behind the bear?

Facial Expression: (What does the expression on the bear’s look tell you about the story? What about the pig and the skunk?)

Bias: What does it tell us about what’s going on in the world? Who made this cartoon? Can we trust this cartoon?