

## Yellow journalism worksheet





is an appropriate symbol? What symbols or elements could be used in a political cartoon to represent the contemporary news media landscape?What issue does the political cartoon "Pesky, but Harmless," address? Why did the cartoonist use gnats to represent jingos? The cartoon shows "yellow journalism," "jingo sheet," and "war shriek" cast aside in the waste paper basket. What does that suggest about President McKinley's hesitancy about waging war in Cuba?Examine the cover art in "The Yellow Kid" leaflet along with the "Note to the Reader" on page 2. How do the cartoonist and the author convey the perspective of the publication? What message does this leaflet communicate to readers? Why did journalists use satire to depict societal angst and serious issues?Classroom activitiesAsk students to conduct a classroom debate about whether yellow journalism should be illegal. Students should use the sources in this set, as well as additional evidence to support their claim. Students should consider questions such as how yellow journalism and fake news threaten freedom of the press and whether limiting free press threatens democracy in America when constructing their arguments. Ask students to design a political cartoon or write a news article depicting a past or current event using the characteristics of yellow journalism including sensationalism, embellishment, and hyperbole. This teaching guide helps instructors use a specific primary source set, , in the classroom. It offers discussion questions, classroom activities, and primary source analysis tools. It is intended to spark pedagogical creativity by giving a sample approach to the material. Please feel free to share, reuse, and adapt the resources in this guide for your teaching purposes. You're Reading a Free Preview Page 2 is not shown in this preview.