

Analyzing 1920s Political Cartoons

Name _____ Date ____ Per. ____ Row ____

Instructions: Study the political cartoons and answer the questions for each one. Please be careful to match the cartoon to the correct space on the chart as you will be seeing them in random order.

Cartoon Identification/caption	Description of what's happening	Message of the cartoon	Special question
A. "The Great Mirage: Keep Cool with Coolidge" (1928)			What is ironic about this cartoon considering when it was drawn?
B. No caption; road with buildings and signs (1922)			Which presidential administration is this cartoon poking fun at? Why?
C. "Puritan civilization, which has built a sturdy orderly nation, is threatened by Smith." (1928)			What does this cartoon tell you about social attitudes at this time?
D. "The First Good Laugh They've Had in Years" (1922)			What does the donkey represent? What does the elephant represent?

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E. "Poor Picking" (1924)			What effect might a cartoon like this have on the voting public?
F. "Coolidge Plays a Charleston" (1926)			Would you say this cartoon is a good summary of the Republican Era of the 1920s? Why or why not?
G. "Heavy Going" (1924)			If you could place ex-President Harding in this picture, where would you put him?
H. "Doing it Right" (1922)			<p>If you could place ex-President Harding in this picture, where would you put him?</p> <p>What would he be doing?</p>