**PART I:** In the space provided below create an original political cartoon on the topic of Imperialism. You can have

a positive or negative perspective. It must include 4 of these 5 techniques; Symbolism, Labeling, Irony,

Exaggeration, Analogy. Use the “How to Analyze a Political Cartoon” worksheet on BlackBoard.

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**PART II:** Cartoon Analysis

Answer the questions below based on your political cartoon.

1. Explain how you applied four of the five techniques below in your cartoon.

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| Technique | Definition | Application |
| Symbolism | Cartoonists use simple objects, or symbols, to stand for larger concepts or ideas. After you identify the symbols in a cartoon, think about what the cartoonist means each symbol to stand for. |  |
| Labeling | Cartoonists often label objects or people to make it clear exactly what they stand for. Watch out for the different labels that appear in a cartoon, and ask yourself why the cartoonist chose to label that particular person or object. Does the label make the meaning of the object more clear? |  |
| Irony | Irony is the difference between the ways things are and the way things should be, or the way things are expected to be. Cartoonists often use irony to express their opinion on an issue. When you look at a cartoon, see if you can find any irony in the situation the cartoon depicts. If you can, think about what point the irony might be intended to emphasize. Does the irony help the cartoonist express his or her opinion more effectively? |  |
| Exaggeration | Sometimes cartoonists overdo, or exaggerate, the physical characteristics of people or things in order to make a point. When you study a cartoon, look for any characteristics that seem overdone or overblown. (Facial characteristics and clothing are some of the most commonly exaggerated characteristics.) Then, try to decide what point the cartoonist was trying to make by exaggerating them. |  |
| Analogy | An analogy is a comparison between two unlike things. By comparing a complex issue or situation with a more familiar one, cartoonists can help their readers see it in a different light. After you’ve studied a cartoon for a while, try to decide what the cartoon’s main analogy is. What two situations does the cartoon compare? Once you understand the main analogy, decide if this comparison makes the cartoonist’s point more clear to you. |  |

1. Is your political cartoon a positive or negative interpretation on Imperialism? Why?