

BREAKING DOWN HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

WHAT HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS DO WE LOOK AT?

- Documents
- Songs
- Poems
- Photos
- Paintings
- Cartoons

**DOCUMENTS, SONGS,
POEMS**

THINGS TO LOOK FOR?

1. Author

2. Date

3. Key Words

AN EXAMPLE

- “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”
 - Declaration of Independence, 1776

- 1.** It is stating the basic rights that men are guaranteed.
- 2.** Men are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- 3.** The Declaration of Independence is the document that declared the Colonies from the British.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Dred Scott v. Sandford, March 6, 1857

- Declared that the Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional
- Declared that Congress did not have the authority to prohibit slavery in the territories
- Declared that slaves were not citizens of the United States and could not sue in Federal courts
- How did the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857) increase sectional tension in the United States?

- **The ruling declared that regardless of location, slaves were not citizens, which Northerners viewed as a violation of state law and human rights.**

Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is a great equalizer of the conditions of men,—the balance wheel of the social machinery. . . . The greatest of all the arts in political economy is to change a consumer into a producer; and the next greatest is to increase the producing power,—and this to be directly obtained by increasing his intelligence.

-Excerpt from Horace Mann, Twelfth Annual Report to the Massachusetts Board of Education as Secretary of Massachusetts State Board of Education, 1848

- According to this quote, why is education essential to American society?

EDUCATION IS NECESSARY FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS



PICTURES & PAINTINGS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Colors
- Size of images
- Focal Point of the Picture
- Details → Tells a story
- If A Date/Title is Provided
- Break the picture into sections, it tells a story.



WASHINGTON CROSSING THE DELAWARE

- The details of the image show that Washington is crossing a river full of ice which aligns with the story of Washington crossing the Delaware.
 - The Flag
 - Washington
 - Ice in the river
 - Soldiers



BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

- **The Two Flags**
- **Fighting**



LEWIS & CLARK

- **2 Males, 1 Native American Female**
- **Their Clothing → Frontiersmen**

POLITICAL CARTOONS



- **What Should You Look For In Political Cartoons?**

SYMBOLISM

- Using an object to stand for an idea.



CAPTIONING AND LABELS

- Used for clarity and emphasis.

PARESH
THE KHALEEJ TIMES
Dubai
U.A.E.



ANALOGY

- Comparison between two unlike things that share some characteristics



IRONY

- The difference between the way things are and the way things should be or the way things are expected to be



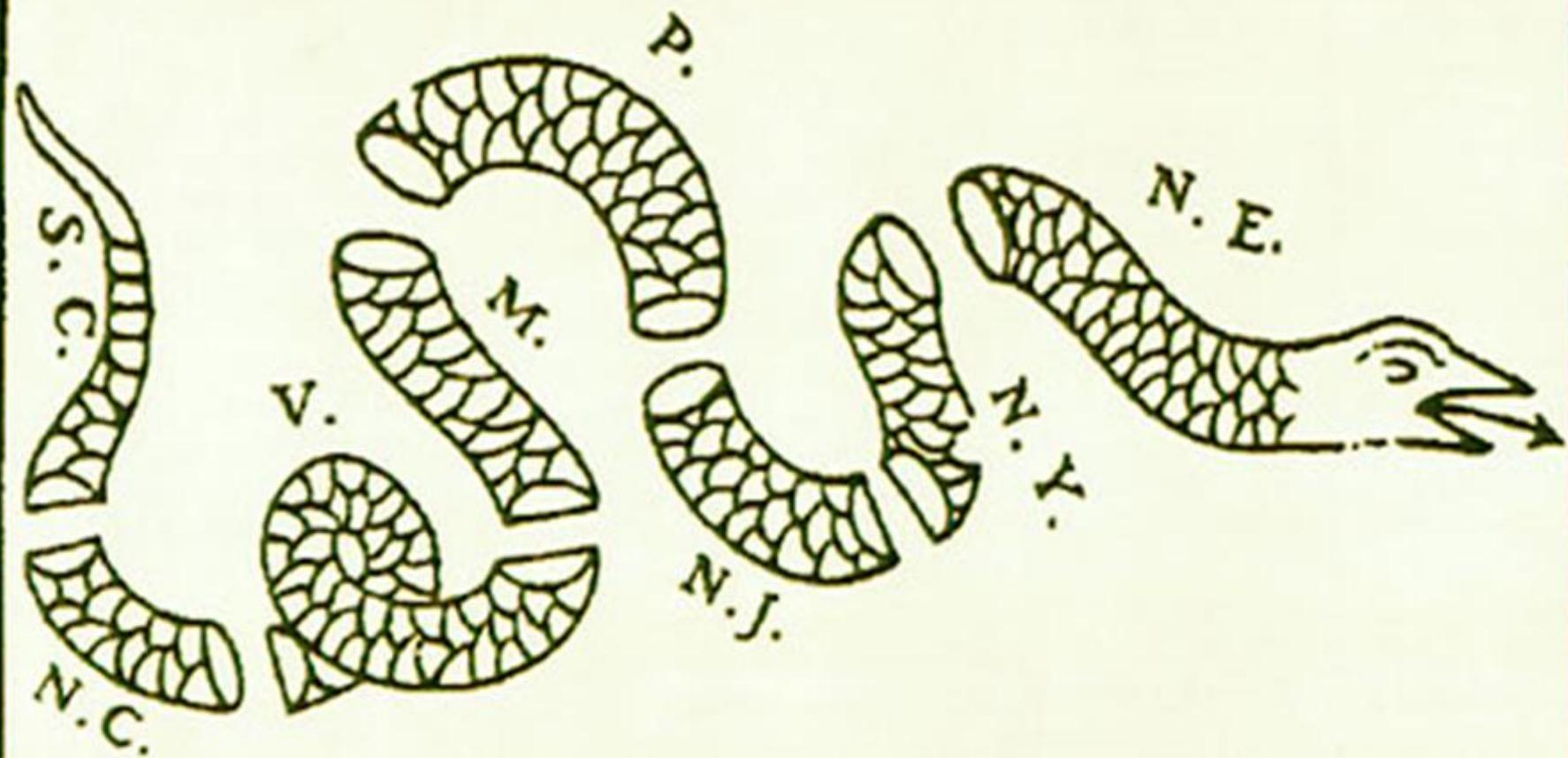
EXAGGERATION

- Overstating or magnifying a problem or a physical feature or habit.



THINGS TO LOOK FOR

- Powerful people are usually fat, large people
- Weak people are usually skinny, small people
- Green – environmental
- Red – communist
- Good guys usually wear white
- Bad guys usually wear black



J O I N, or D I E.

THE FIRST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS



Sure, I've made a couple of mistakes...





“...AND AMERICA, WHAT BIG GOVERNMENT YOU HAVE!”



SECURITY

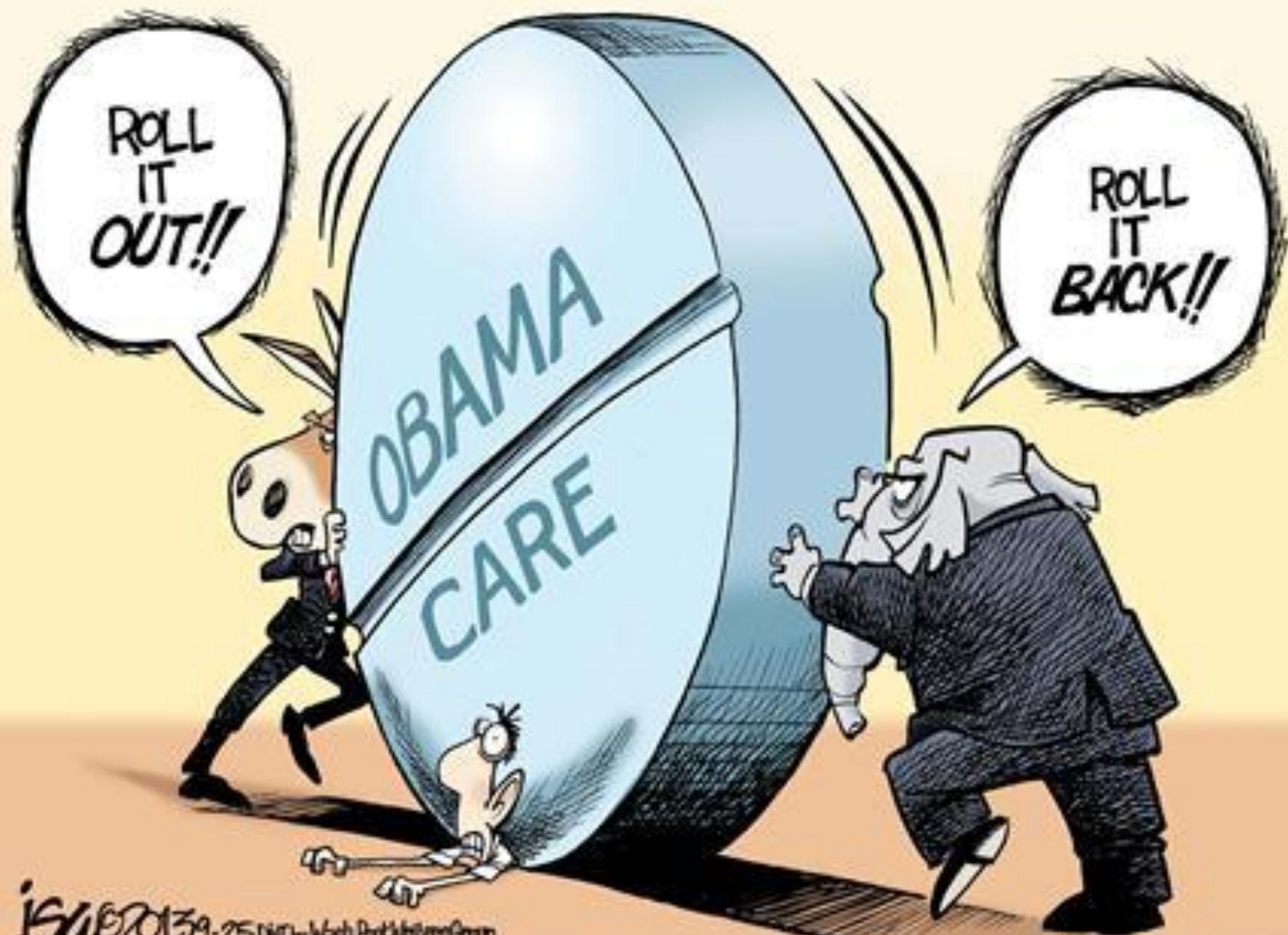
TSA

WELCOME TO THE USA

SEND US YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR,
YOUR HUDDLED MASSES, BUT NOT
NECESSARILY FROM THE FOLLOWING
COUNTRIES: YEMEN, NIGERIA, SAUDI

LOOPHOLES





ACTIVITY

- I am giving you a packet of documents to break down.
- We will work out the first one together.
- If you do not finish, it is homework.

HOMEWORK

**Get your course
syllabus signed!**