

Analyzing Television: "For the Birds" Short Film

After viewing, analyze "For the Birds" in complete sentences. This clip is made by Pixar and won an Oscar for the best short film in 2002. Make sure to include answers for ALL of the following questions in your response, which should be 5 to 10 sentences. Obviously, this cartoon is **literally** about birds, but think a little deeper about the **figurative** meaning behind it all.

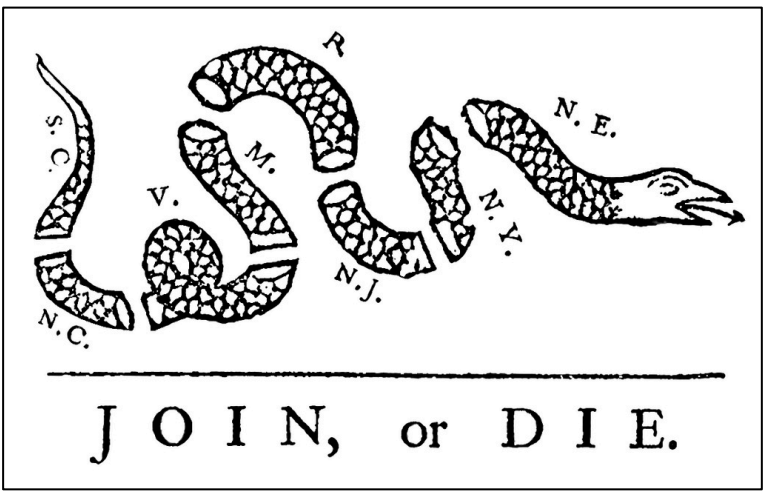
- Who might the birds on the wire represent/symbolize in high school, in real life, and in history?
- Who might the bird who looks different represent/symbolize in high school, in real life, and in history?
- What is the true meaning and message behind this short film?
- What textual evidence (scenes and quotes) do I have to support my opinion of what the text is about?

Analyzing Political Cartoons:



#2

#1



Analyze the first political cartoon:

This picture is about _____ (topic). More specifically, it is about _____
_____.

I know this because _____
_____.

Analyze the second political cartoon:

This picture is about _____ (topic). More specifically, it is about _____
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I know this because _____
_____.

Analyzing Written Text: "Bird Thoughts"

I lived first in a little house,
And lived there very well;
I thought the world was small and round,
And made of pale blue shell.

One day I fluttered from the nest
To see what I could find.
I said, "The world is made of leaves;
I have been very blind."

I lived next in a little nest,
Nor needed any other;
I thought the world was made of straw,
And brooded by my mother.

At length I flew beyond the tree,
Quite fit for grown-up labours.
I don't know how the world is made.
And neither do my neighbours!

After reading the text, answer the following questions in the form of a paragraph. (Use another piece of paper.)

- What is the meaning of the text?
- How do I know that this is the meaning of the text? (Which words are repeated? What are the meanings of these words? What similarities or patterns do I see?)
- Is there anything that could be viewed as a **symbol** of something else? (Are there any bigger meanings behind the words? Could the words actually be representing something else?)

