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Analyzing Primary Documents

Use the questions below to analyze President Ford's speech, two letters, and a political cartoon.

Speech

1. When did Ford give this speech?

2. What was the context in which Ford gave this speech?

3. What was the purpose of his speech?

4. Who was his primary audience?

5. Who was his secondary audience (if applicable)?

6. What were some ideas, concerns, or declarations Ford made in this speech?

7. How did the points Ford made in his speech address his audience and their concerns?

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Letters

8. When was the letter written?

9. Who wrote the letter?

10. Who was the intended recipient?

11. What was the topic of the letter?

12. What was the purpose of the letter?

13. What were some ideas or concerns expressed in the letter?

Cartoon

14. When was the cartoon created?

15. Where was the cartoon published?

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16. What is the caption of the cartoon?

17. What objects do you see in the cartoon?

18. What people can you identify in the cartoon?

19. What places or dates, if any, are mentioned in the cartoon?

20. What symbols can you identify in the cartoon? Are any of the people, places, or objects symbols?

21. What do you think the symbols mean?

22. What do you think the message of the cartoon is? Why do you think that?

23. In the historical context of the cartoon, who might have agreed with it? Who might have disagreed? Why?
