

SIX TIPS FOR WRITING SIX-WORD MEMOIRS.



CCLS ELA Anchor Standards for Reading and Writing



CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.1

Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.2

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.3

Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.10

Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences.



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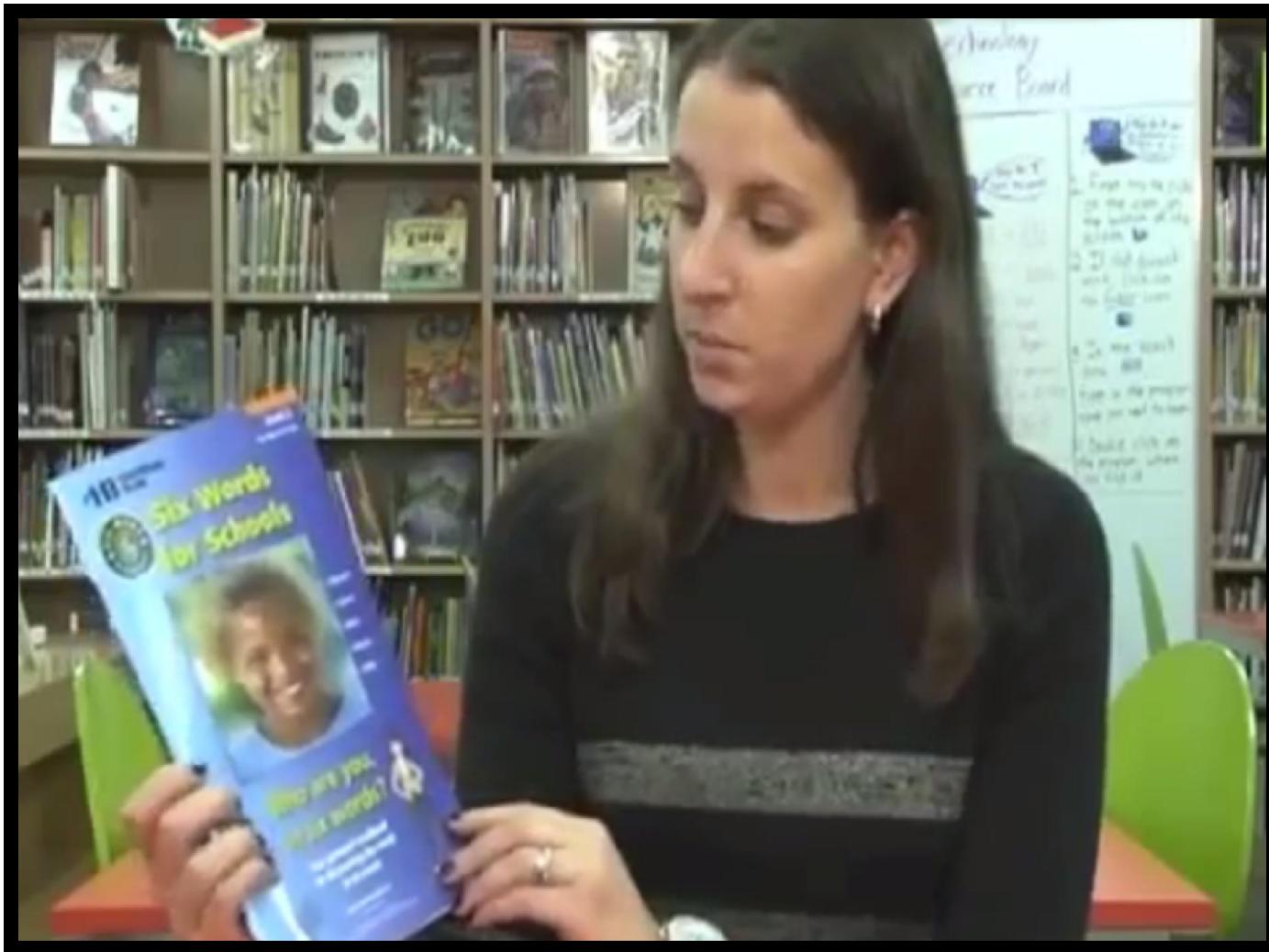
My students learned the efficiency of language can be a powerful way to make a point or share something important about themselves.

“It is said that you can learn a lot about a person by the contents of a purse or wallet.

I’ve learned more by seeing what my students can say in six words.”



Explaining One Possible Process



Example



Six Words in Other Content Areas

Have students write Six Word Memoirs to

1. Describe different geometrical shapes and their attributes.
(i.e. Always round. No straight edges. Circle).
2. Explain perimeter, area or any other mathematical concept.
3. Tell a story from the point of view of an animal in hibernation.
4. Write a caption for a national geographic photo.
5. Write a headline for an important news story.
6. Summarize a period in history using six words.
7. Tell the life story of a significant historical figure or event.
8. Write a Six Word Memoir to tell the story of a famous work of art.



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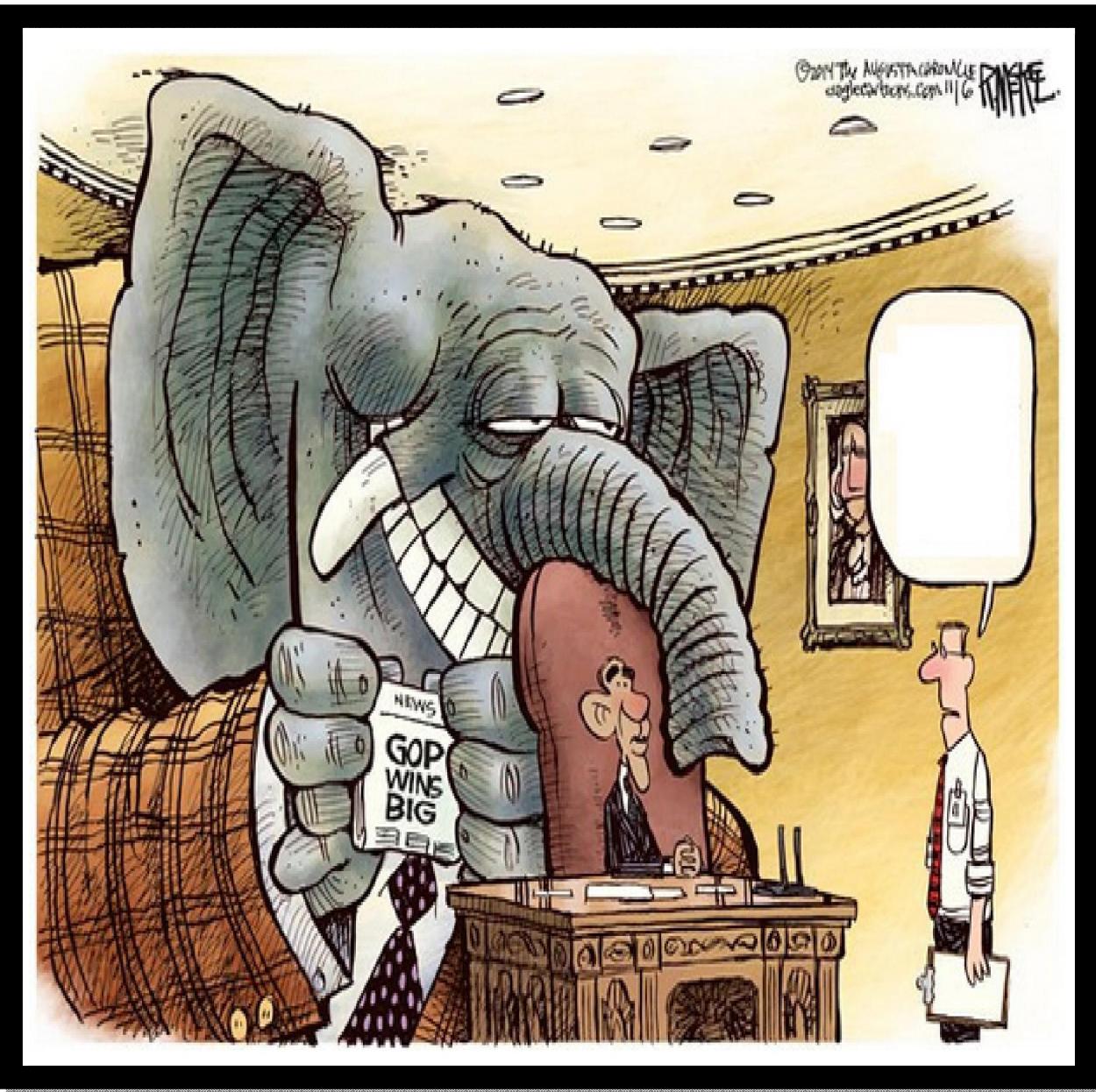
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Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

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Visuals

1. List the objects or people you see in the cartoon.

2. Which of these objects are symbols?

3. What do you think each symbol means?

Your Name _____

Newspaper _____

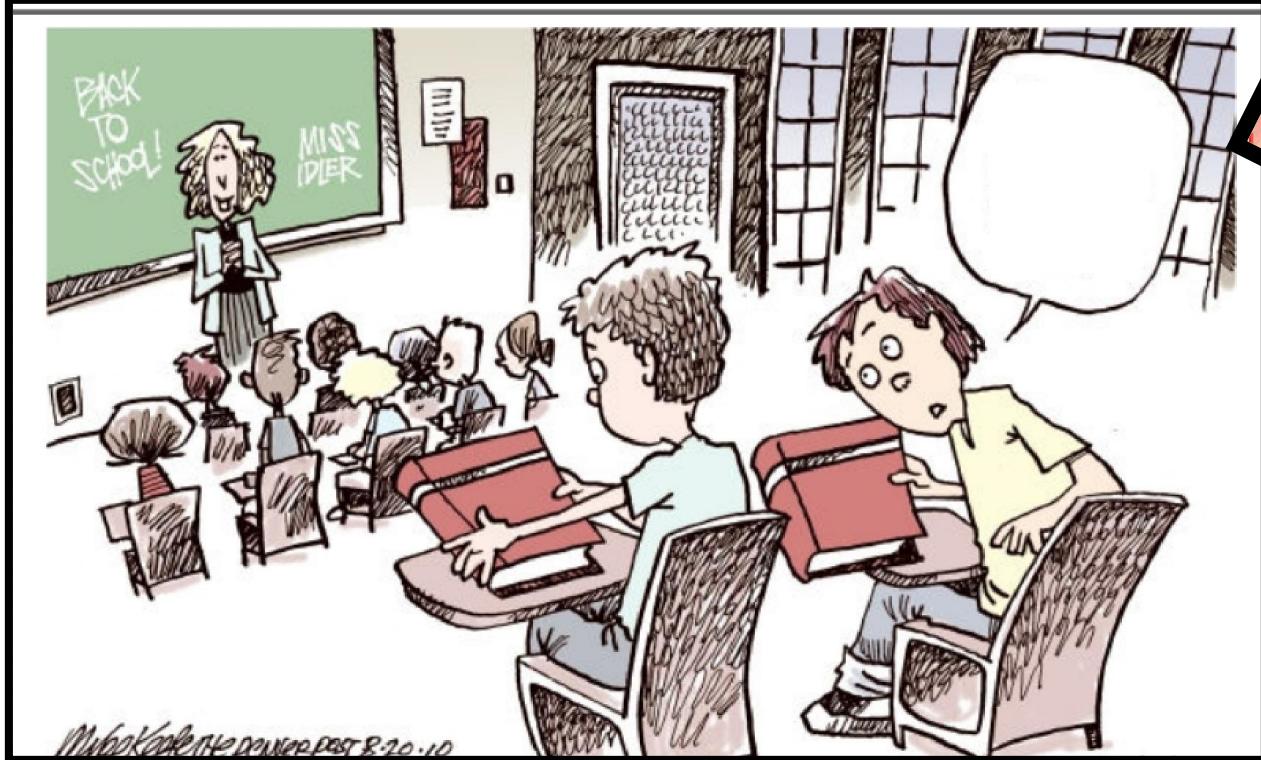
Cartoonist _____

Date of Cartoon _____

Words (not all toons include words)

4. Identify the cartoon caption and/or title.

5. Locate three words or phrases used by the cartoonist to identify objects or people within the cartoon.



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Draw your own conclusions

Study the drawing and add your own caption to this cartoon.

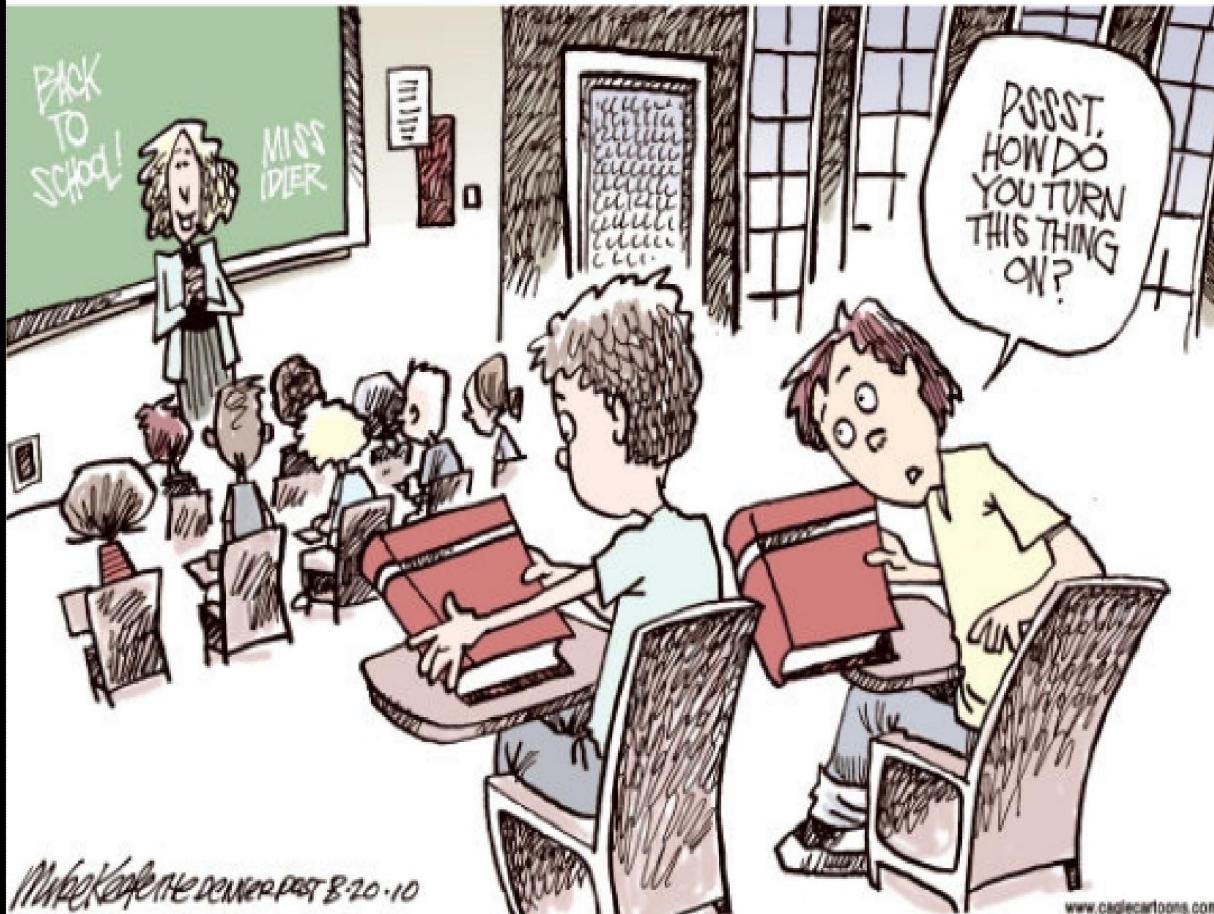
It can be funny or serious.

There is no wrong answer, so just have fun and be creative!

Try out different captions

Write your captions here.

Back to school in a connected age



Talking points

1. Find newspaper reports about the advantages and the problems of using technology in classrooms. What are the biggest complaints? What are cited as advantages?
2. Some schools have embraced smart phones as research tools, but others ban the devices. What is the policy in your school?
3. Does constant use of electronic devices reduce a person's attention span? Do you ever have trouble focusing on a single task?

3 Tiers of Vocabulary in The Common Core

Two Websites

to

Consider Using

The Common Core Recognizes Three Tiers of Vocabulary.

Tier 1

Words acquired through every day speech, usually learned in the early grades.

Tier 2

Academic words that appear across all types of text. These are often precise words that are used by the author in place of common words. (i.e. gallop instead of run). They change meaning with use.

Tier 3

Domain specific words” that are specifically tied to content. (i.e. Constitution, lava) These are typically the types of vocabulary words that are included in glossaries, highlighted in textbooks and address by teachers. They are considered difficult words important to understanding content.

- First Tool
 - identifying Tier 2 and Tier 3 words



- Second tool
 - help students dig deeper.

