Analyzing Political Cartoons



- 1. Who do you think the three characters are in this cartoon? (What do they represent)
- 2. What do you think that cartoonist is trying to portray?
- 3. When do you think this cartoon was drawn?
- 4. Where do you think this action is taking place?
- 5. Why do you think the figure on the bottom is "carrying" the other two figures"?
- 6. How do you think the figure on the bottom will react?

(Answer the questions on the back of this sheet or on a separate piece of paper)

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-"Ah, who is it dares interrupt me in my progress?"

-"Why 'tis I, little Johnny Bull, protecting a little spot. I clap my hands on, and damn me if you come any further, that's all!"

- 1) Who is sitting on the world? What does that signify
- 2) Who is "little Johnny Bull"? What do you think he symbolizes?
- 3) What is the relationship between the two characters?
- 4) What point is the cartoonist trying to make?