



ILLINGWORTH CARTOONS

ANSWER SHEET



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WORKSHEET 1 - AFRICA

Cartoon number ILW2003

A snake, representing something terrible and bad, the Mau Mau, is attempting to kill the fragile baby Kenya. The white man, representing the British Empire, is needed to save the baby. Kenya is portrayed as a fragile baby who needs someone to care for it.

WORKSHEET 2 – GENERAL ELECTION 1945

Cartoon number ILW0934

Churchill is portrayed as a serious man, with confidence and presence. Atlee is portrayed as a character to make fun of. Churchill is large and satisfied. Atlee is small and worried. Throughout his career at *Daily Mail*, Illingworth supported the Conservative Party, and it is important to remember this when looking at his work.

WORKSHEET 3 – THE SPACE RACE

Cartoon number ILW2816

Nikita Khrushchev is putting a portrait of a dog on a wall along with pictures of explorers, after a dog was sent into space in a satellite. This cartoon shows the importance of the dog in the Space Race.

WORKSHEET 4 – THE COLD WAR

Cartoon number ILW1462

This cartoon refers to the Berlin Airlift, when goods had to be flown into Berlin after the Soviet Union cut all other transport links to the city. Stalin is portrayed as a barometer, in order to emphasise his temper, and Uncle Sam (America) is trying to persuade him using aeroplanes. From this it is clear that Illingworth thinks Stalin is the one who is unreasonable.

WORKSHEET 5 - THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1

Cartoon number ILW2003

Benito Mussolini, Prime Minister of Italy, Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America are present in the cartoon. Britain and the USA had just captured the island of Sicily, and were about to invade Italy's mainland, and Mussolini was forced to resign. Mounties and police are defenders of justice, so Roosevelt and Churchill are portrayed as forces of law and order.

Illingworth plays on the "*The Mountie always gets his man*" saying that they will go for Hitler next.

WORKSHEET 6 - THE SECOND WORLD WAR 2

Cartoon number ILW0299

The Shah, Hitler and Mussolini are portrayed as figures of fun. The coconut with the face of the Shah has been knocked off its stand, and now we can concentrate on the other two. This cartoon also emphasises the moral side of the war, in fighting against fascism and for democracy.

WORKSHEET 7 - THE SECOND WORLD WAR 3

Cartoon number ILW0380

Hideki Tojo was Prime Minister of Japan at the time of the Second World War. Japan attacked a number of British Empire colonies, including Burma, Singapore and Malaya in the Far East, and conquered them. Japan took the opportunity to attack when Britain was fighting in Europe, and it is portrayed as a country spreading death and destruction across the peaceful countries in the area.

WORKSHEET 8 - THE SECOND WORLD WAR4

Cartoon number ILW0084

This cartoon refers to France signing an armistice with Germany after the fall of France in 1940. Marianne is used to represent France, signing the armistice while in chains, and with weapons representing the Italian and German armies threatening her.