

## Schenck v. United States / Cartoon Analysis— Answer Key

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“Now for a Round-up!” by W. A. Rogers (published May 9, 1918 in the New York Herald)

(W.A. Rogers, W. A. “Now for a round-up” United States, 1918. Photograph.

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## Observe

1. What people and objects are shown? Make a list of what you see in the cartoon including captions. *(Note: I.W.W. on the button stands for Industrial Workers of the World, also known as the "Wobblies," who were thought to have ties to socialist and anarchist labor movements. One of the men is labeled "Sinn Fein," a left-wing political party in Ireland)*  
Student answers will vary but may include Uncle Sam, a dog, people labeled as "TRAITOR," "SPY," SINN FEIN," the Capitol building, a flag labeled, "SEDITION LAW PASSED," and a walking stick.
2. What is the setting?  
The cartoon is set on the lawn of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C., the home of Congress.
3. Are there any objects or people that seem to be exaggerated? If so, why do you think the artist exaggerated?  
Student answers will vary, but may include that Uncle Sam is very tall relative to the other people, that he has a very angry look, or that the man labeled "TRAITOR" is very overweight.

## Reflect

4. What is happening in this image?  
Uncle Sam, representing the United States, is rounding up the spies, traitors, and members of what it considers dangerous groups because the Sedition Law has passed.
5. What is significant about the time this cartoon was published?  
The cartoon was published on May 9, 1918 shortly after the Sedition Act was passed by the Senate. At the time, the United States had been involved in World War I for more than a year. The cartoon was published 6 months before an armistice was declared on November 11, 1918.

## Evaluate the Message

6. In your opinion, what is the cartoonist's message? What elements of the cartoon give you that impression?  
Student answers will vary but may include that the cartoonist supports the passage of the Sedition Acts. Uncle Sam, representing the United States, is rounding up the spies, traitors, and members of what it considers dangerous groups because the Sedition Law has passed.
7. Do you agree with the point of view and message of the cartoonist? Why or why not?  
Student answers will vary.

## Question

8. What do you still wonder about?  
Student answers will vary.