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Questions

1. Describe the scene in each of the cartoons.
2. What are the common themes in all three?
3. If a person were to describe the holiday based on these cartoons alone, what might they say?
4. Is there anything you would add to a cartoon on Thanksgiving?
5. These cartoons are from over 100 years ago, are they still relevant today? In other words could you imagine a magazine cover with these same images or has the holiday changed too much?
6. What does Thanksgiving mean to you personally?
7. Draw a Thanksgiving cartoon for a magazine to be published in 2013. You will not be graded on your artistic skill but your ability to choose images, words, and symbols that represent the holiday and its significance in the United States.

Answers

1. Answers will vary, but might include: Women are shown in all 3 with a turkey; one shows a woman with a shotgun, another dressed as a maid with one on a platter, and the third with a group of children watching her prepare a pie.
2. Answers will vary but might include: Turkey, women preparing it for a meal, children excited for meal
3. Answers will vary but might include: Americans love their turkey!
4. Answers will vary but might include: An homage to the first Thanksgiving with some Pilgrims and settlers; a table full of food with all the side dishes; a chaotic scene of family members around a table; etc
5. Answers will vary but might include: These cartoons could be used today since the holiday has remained largely the same; or they could not be used today because the table full of fixings is a huge part of the holiday.
6. Answers will vary but might include: A time to give thanks for all of the good things in your life; a time for family to reunite and share love; a time to show appreciation; etc.
7. Answers will vary but might include: images of turkeys, first Thanksgiving, Uncle Sam carving a bird, American flag, etc