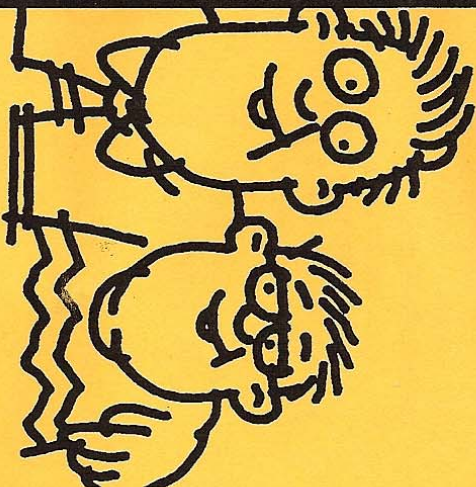


Activity Number: 17

Focus: Recognizing election jargon, idioms, figurative images

## Favorite Son



Have you ever heard anyone say things like the following?

*You're driving me up a wall!*

*Stop pulling my leg!*

*We're really in hot water!*

Sometimes people use

expressions to convey a

message. Do you think that if

someone's in hot water, that they

really are? What do you think they

mean?

During campaigns people use

election vocabulary (jargon) or

sayings that do not really mean

what they say. We call these

phrases idioms.

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Do This:

• Look in all parts of the newspaper for words and phrases that have to do with the election that might be considered idioms. Look for the following terms or look for phrases to add to this list. Talk about the meanings of these phrases.

### SOME IDIOMS TO LOOK FOR OR ADD TO THIS LIST

*a dark horse*

*running mate*

*landslide victory*

*favorite son*

*holds office*

*on the bandwagon*

*seeing eye to eye*

*shooting the breeze*

*runs for office*

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### Running For Office...



• Choose one of the sayings from above and write it at the top of a piece of paper. Draw a picture of what the words are actually saying.

• Choose a campaign picture from the newspaper. Paste it to a piece of paper. Write one or two sentences about the person in the picture or about the picture that uses one or more of the idioms you have found.