

## HOW CAN YOU BE A CARTOONIST RIGHT NOW?!?

Someone once said, "Experience is the best teacher." Whether that is true or not is subject for debate, but everyone likes to use experience as a measure of progress or change. All artists do their work for others to see and to get reaction, criticism, praise, etc. By experiencing things, we learn.

So here are some suggestions how you can show your cartooning talent to the world right now. I hope these give you some ideas or make you think of even other ways to use your talent:

1. Submit your cartoons to your school newspaper or magazine.
2. Ask the teacher in charge of your school paper if you can have a regular space in each issue for your cartoons. (Keep in mind, that this means dedication and responsibility on your part to make your promised deadlines.)
3. Volunteer to draw the cover for a school play or program.
4. Ask your art teacher if you can do some special project that uses your cartooning ability.
5. See if you can exhibit your cartooning in an art show at your school. (If you are in with your art teacher, maybe he/she would consider you having a show all your own.)
6. Volunteer to design a bulletin board about cartooning for a teacher or librarian.
7. Do caricatures for friends and/or family. (These make great gifts and often can be done from a photograph.)
8. Volunteer at your school, church or club to do artwork for special projects, posters or flyers.
9. Make your own cartoon greeting cards instead of buying them. (Often people who receive these "homemade" cards treasure them for a lifetime especially parents and grandparents.)
10. And if you think you are ready, that you have practiced for hours, you have a great idea and you are really brave, take your ideas to a publisher or syndicate and maybe, just maybe...