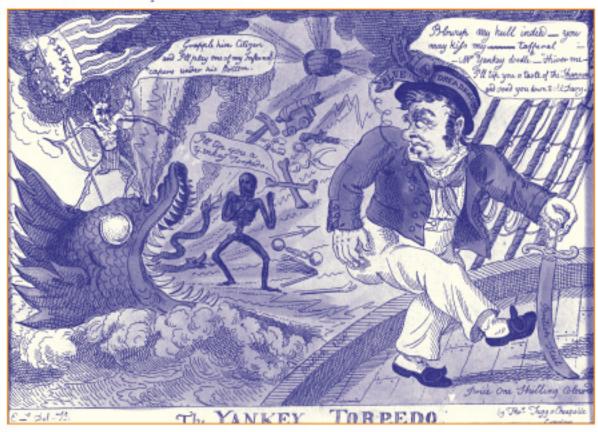
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A. Fulton's Torpedo, interpreting a political cartoon

American Robert Fulton invented a device (consisting of a mass of gunpowder) designed to be exploded under or against the side of a ship. He named his device after a fish that emits an electric ray, called a torpedo fish.

Cartoonists express their ideas by using captions, labels, symbols and humorous exaggeration. Read the cartoon and answer the questions below.



1.	What was the cartoonist's viewpoint?
2.	How did the cartoonist employ the tools of the cartoonist trade to convey this viewpoint?
3.	How was the torpedo similar to Constitution?
	Extra Credit: research the story of the battle between HMS Shannon and USS Chesapeake and report to the class. Extra Credit: draw a political cartoon that conveys another viewpoint on the new invention.