

SAY - MEAN - MATTER WORKSHEET

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	This cartoon shows some type of law enforcement officer presenting a man to a judge. The captions say that the officer beat the man with his club because he was talking 'uppity', and he needed to defend himself.	This cartoon represents an overuse of police force. The officer took it upon himself to beat this man because he felt his vernacular was too well spoken. This image represents how police brutality and overuse of power was an issue in 1960.	During the time it was created, 1960s, it was hard for Black Americans to fight for civil rights and an end to racial violence when the police were often the perpetrators of violence. Police violence is still an issue highlighted by activists today.
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