**“Myths of Underdevelopment” - Reading Guide**

**Read the article and be able to answer all of these questions in your own words (i.e. using evidence but not exact quotes). The cartoons at the end are an optional challenge extension.**

*Myths of Underdevelopment.*

* What is “underdevelopment?”
* Why does Parenti describe it as a myth?

*Artificially converted to poverty.*

* According to Parenti, what is actually the problem?
* What does Parenti mean when he says that “Underdevelopment Is actually a development?”

*Development Theory*

* What is “development theory?”
* Does Parenti believe it will work? Why or why not?

**Vocabulary**

* **Impoverished** – Poor.
* **Defunct** – No longer working.
* **Plunder** – To steal.
* **Self-enrichment** – Making yourself rich.
* **Pillage** – Stealing.
* **Expropriating** – Taking something that isn’t yours.
* **Meager** – Small, insufficient.
* **Depict** – Show as.
* **Indigenous** – Native.
* **Supremacy** – Greater strength.
* **Armaments** – Weapons.
* **Emblematic** – A sign or symbol of.
* **Advent** – Beginning.
* **Tariff barriers** – Laws that make it more expensive to sell products in another country.
* **Desolate** – Empty, bare.
* ***Latifundos*** *–* Large farms and plantations in Latin America.
* **Ruinous** – Causing ruin.
* **Self**-**sustenance** – Able to feed yourself.
* **Destitution** – Poverty.
* **Euphemistic** – A nice way of saying something that isn’t very nice.
* **Enunciated** – Said or expressed.
* **Capital** – Wealth that can be invested.
* **Accumulates** – Builds up.
* **Prosperous** – Rich.
* **Exploitative** – Taking advantage of others.
* **Implements** – Tools.
* **Effusions** – Liquids that spill or seep out.
* **Beholden** – Owing or having a duty to someone.