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**Mission:** each of images or statements have a partner = can you match them?

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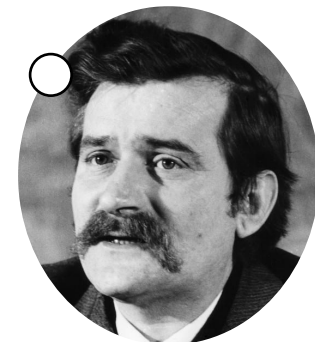
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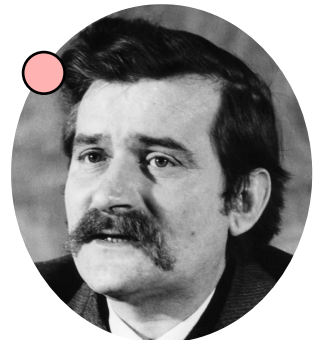
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# The Cartoon About a Boot and a Knife

 **Mission:** to analyse and interpret the meaning of the political cartoon using the DEC process.



**M**essage summary of the cartoon (write this AFTER completing DEC process)

**D**escribe the main features of the cartoon.

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**E**xplain what each of these features means / represents

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**C**ontext: what historical event is this cartoon about?

**R**eliable or Not? (circle a score below)

Unreliable   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10   Reliable

# Solidarity Poland 1980 - 1989

What does Solidarity mean?

Who was the leader of the Polish government in 1981?

Why did Poland's government agree to early demands?

The trade unions were powerful and a workers' strike would ruin the Polish economy.

What is a trade union?



At first, Solidarity was seen as a social movement and not a political one.

Lech Walesa negotiated with the Polish government to ensure that the Soviet Union did not get involved.

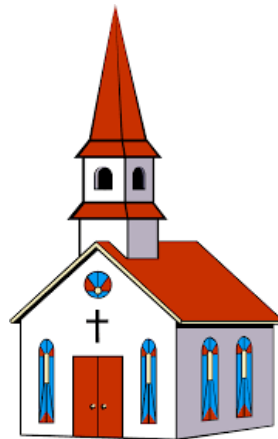
Who was the leader of Solidarity?

Which popular institution in Poland supported Solidarity?

Solidarity had the support of the very popular Catholic Church.

The Polish government was waiting for a better time to respond.

Why were there riots and demonstrations in 1981?



How many members did Solidarity have c 1981?



Why did the Polish government respond in 1981?

It was clear that Solidarity was becoming more than a social movement and a political one.

Poland was collapsing under the pressure of protests

If the Polish government didn't take control - the Soviets would.

What happened to Solidarity leaders in 1982?



What action forced the government to negotiate in 1988?

How did America help Solidarity?

What did the Polish government agree to in 1988?

What led to the renewal of protests in 1988?



Why was Solidarity so significant?

Solidarity outlined the failures of a Communist system.

It demonstrated the 'power of a unified people'

It showed that the Soviet stranglehold could be broken.



Government tanks in Warsaw Martial law enforced - 1981.



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