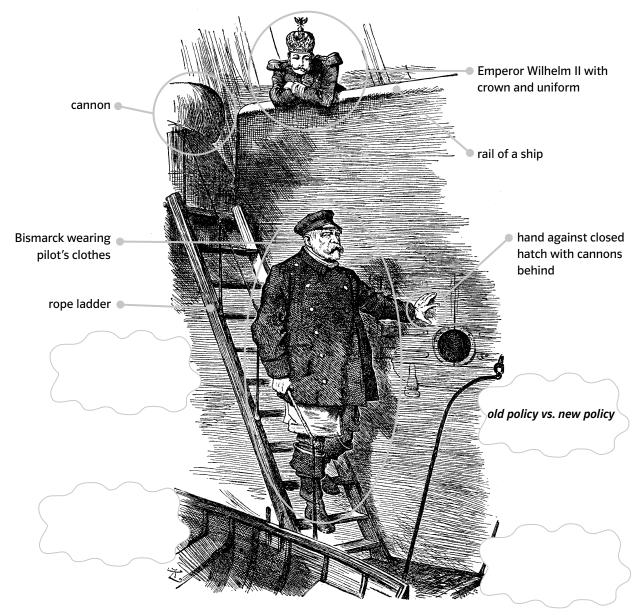
"Dropping the Pilot1" – a political cartoon

Analyse and interpret this cartoon step by step:



Q1 "Dropping the Pilot" by Sir John Tenniel, published in the "Punch" a weekly magazine of satire - on 20th March, 1890. A few days earlier Bismarck was dropped* as Imperial Chancellor by Emperor Wilhelm II. *to drop = entlassen, fallen lassen

| 1. | Try to find the basic information: Title/Cartoonist/Where & when published. |
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1 hier: Lotse



| 2. | Write what and who you can see in the cartoon: Describe the persons: What are they doing/wearing? Tell something about their pose²/mimic. Are there any symbols used? Important: Do not interpret too much on this step. |
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| 3. | Try to interpret the cartoon: Describe the historical background of the cartoon. Find out what the cartoonist wants to express. Why did he draw Bismarck as a pilot? What does he think might happen in the future (after 1890)? (The opposite terms in the clouds could also help you!) |
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| 4. | What do you think about the cartoon? |
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| 5. | The German title of this cartoon is "Der Lotse geht von Bord" – What do you think about this translation? |
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2 pose: Körperhaltung

