Cartoon Activity

Name: ______________________

ENTHUSIASM IS NOT ENOUGH.

“Give it a belt with this, cobber!”

▲ Cartoon by Ted Scorfield, The Bulletin (Sydney), 9 September 1942, p.7
Look at the austerity-themed cartoon of John Curtin on the previous page. In discussion with your teacher and other students, answer the questions below.

1. **Setting**
   a) What is the setting of the cartoon? ____________________________________________________
   b) Why has the cartoonist used this setting? _______________________________________________
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2. **Characters**
   a) Describe the characters in the cartoon. _________________________________________________
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   b) Who do these characters represent? ___________________________________________________
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   c) How has the cartoonist drawn these characters? _________________________________________
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3. **Historical event** – What year do you think this cartoon dates to? Give reasons for your answer.
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4. **Symbols** – What symbols does the cartoonist use to get across his message? ______________
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5. **Caption** – ENTHUSIASM IS NOT ENOUGH. “Give it a belt with this, cobber!” What does this mean?
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6. **Meaning of the cartoon** – What do you think the cartoon means? ______________
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