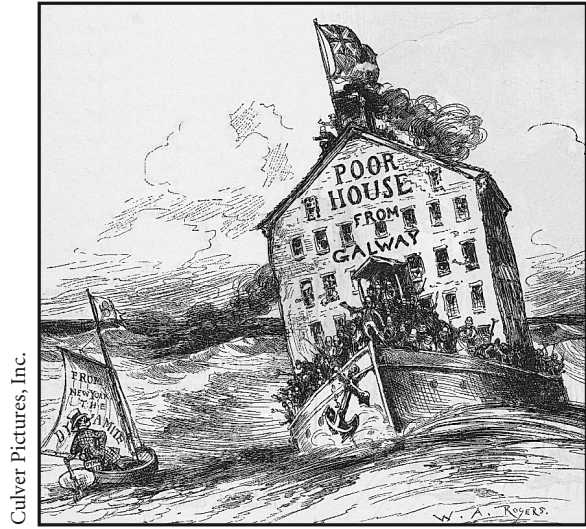


**CARTOON** **1**

**Civics Political Cartoon Activity**  
**Attitudes Toward Immigration**



**UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL CARTOONS**

Study the political cartoon and then answer the questions below.

1. What does the sign on the building and the number of people on the large boat tell you about what some Americans thought of Irish immigrants?

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2. What does the cargo of the small boat say about how the average American wanted the immigrants welcomed?

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3. If you were the owner of a large factory in New York, would you be more likely to welcome these immigrants? Why or why not?

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**ACTIVITY**

Imagine that you are a 13-year-old child of immigrants who just arrived in the United States. You are from a village of less than a thousand people. Write your first letter home to your best friend. Describe your feelings, living conditions, and how the United States of America is different from your home, and how you are being treated by Americans. Also describe your hopes and dreams for your life in this country.