

**Teacher Guide to Student Worksheet 3-Political Cartoon Analysis**

**Directions:** Complete your assigned section of the following table. Be certain to clearly identify all key individuals and ideas expressed in the documents. When you are finished, share this information with the other members of your group. At the conclusion of this activity, each student will have a completed table that analyzes the designated documents.

Title of Cartoon	Key individuals, places, ideas, intended audience, historical context
<p><b>The Patriotic American</b></p> <p><b>-Orr in the Chicago Tribune</b></p>	<p><i>Suggested responses may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Union Member</li> <li>• Immigrant accused of Communist beliefs</li> <li>• Reflects the anger of American labor toward immigrant workers</li> <li>• Reflects possible American workers concern that immigrants will bring communist ideas to industry</li> <li>• Message is that patriotic Americans reject extreme and communist views of foreigners</li> </ul>
<p><b>“Put them out and keep them out”</b></p> <p><b>Morgan in Philadelphia Inquirer</b></p>	<p><i>Suggested responses may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communist with Bolshevik sword and anarchy torch</li> <li>• American flag</li> <li>• Red trying to sneak into America</li> <li>• Caption indicates Americans do not want Reds in their country</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Close the Gate</b> - Orr in the <i>Chicago Tribune</i></p>	<p><i>Suggested responses may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Wall with gate to represent the United States</i></li> <li>• <i>Immigrant with bomb as head carrying unwanted ideas into America</i></li> <li>• <i>Immigrants will cause chaos in America</i></li> <li>• <i>The government must impose immigration restrictions to protect the country</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Fungus</b> - Harding in the <i>Brooklyn Eagle</i></p>	<p><i>Suggested responses may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Tree that represents America</i></li> <li>• <i>Faces of immigrants growing on tree</i></li> <li>• <i>Suggests that the immigrants are reds or communists that will be a fungus that ruins the country</i></li> <li>• <i>Clearly connects immigration with radical ideas and communism</i></li> </ul>

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<p><b>“Too Slow for Me!”</b>  <b>- Skyes in the Philadelphia Evening Ledger</b></p>	<p><i>Suggested responses may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ladder with rungs labeled industry, thrift, knowledge and skill</i></li> <li>• <i>The ladder is the way to success in America</i></li> <li>• <i>The rungs represent American values that only work with law and order</i></li> <li>• <i>A rocket labeled Bolshevism with an immigrant riding it.</i></li> <li>• <i>The title implies that radicals don't want to follow the typical American path to success.</i></li> <li>• <i>The immigrant approach would be radical and against American tradition</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Cartoon – Come Unto Me Ye Oppressed</b>  <b>- Alley in Memphis Commercial Appeal</b></p>	<p><i>Suggested responses may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Statue of Liberty</i></li> <li>• <i>European anarchist with knife and bomb</i></li> <li>• <i>Message is that the European immigrants bring radical ideas and danger to America. They are a threat to American liberty</i></li> <li>• <i>Bias toward immigrants by connecting them to anarchism</i></li> </ul>

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<p><b>Cartoon —“Say—Do I Look Sick?”</b></p> <p>- <b>Williams in <i>Farm Life</i> (Spencer, Ind.)</b></p>	<p><i>Suggested responses may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>American Farmer (giant size indicates strength and health)</i></li> <li>• <i>Russian/Bolshevik quack doctor</i></li> <li>• <i>“Russian Remedy” medicine or communism</i></li> <li>• <i>Medicine bag which says “cures everything”</i></li> <li>• <i>Message: Russians are like quack doctors trying to sell Americans medicine of communism which they do not need.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>The Way It Strikes the Public</b></p> <p>- <b>Morris for the George Matthew Adams Service</b></p>	<p><i>Suggested responses may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Variety of workers – Railroad, street car, milk drivers, butchers, bakers, cleaning people</i></li> <li>• <i>Man representing the public</i></li> <li>• <i>Workers portrayed as much larger than public, perhaps indicating their strength</i></li> <li>• <i>Man representing public appears timid when directed to crawl through the line of workers</i></li> <li>• <i>Workers armed with equipment that is positioned like weapons</i></li> <li>• <i>Implication may be that workers are out of control</i></li> </ul>