

Reading an Editorial Cartoon

Answer the questions below.

1. What is the cartoon's title or caption?

2. Who drew the cartoon?

3. When and where was it published?

4. What is familiar to you in this cartoon?

5. Editorial cartoonists combine pictures and words to communicate their opinions.

What tools does the cartoonist use to make his or her point? Check as many as you believe apply to this cartoon.

- Humor
- Caricature
- Symbols
- Stereotypes
- Speech balloons
- Labels
- Analogy to another historical or current event
- References to popular culture, art, literature, etc.

6. List the important people and objects shown in the cartoon:

7. Are symbols used? If so, what are they and what do they mean?

8. This cartoon, published in Puck in the 1880s, reinforces the prevalent stereotype of the Irish. List and explain two stereotypes about the Irish being shown in this cartoon?

9. Briefly explain the message of the cartoon:

10. What groups would have agree /disagreed with the cartoon's message? Why?

11. Do you think this cartoon is effective in its message?