

## Grade 6 - Departures Place Mat Activity

### Student Instructions for Place Mat Activity

- 1) Read the below questions together, and help each other understand the meaning of each question. Raise your hand if you want help from the teacher.
- 2) Individually, record your answers in your space on the place mat for each question. Share your responses within your group. Discuss points of commonality and differences, and record these in the centre of the place mat.
- 3) Select a group reporter to summarize and report back to the class.

### Guiding Questions for Viewing Bridget O'Donnell Illustration

#### Initial Reaction and Description:

Describe what you see in this image.

- *What stands out for you?*
- *Where is your eye drawn first? What did the illustrator do to draw your eye there?*
- *What can you infer about the family by looking at their clothes? Facial expressions?*
- *What is the overall mood of the picture?*

#### Analysing and Interpreting:

- *What do you think the illustrator's intention was in producing this picture?*
- *Why do you think the magazine included it?*
- *Why do you think that the father is not in the sketch?*
- *Who do you think was the intended audience? Why?*

#### Evaluation:

- *How effective do you think this illustration is in communicating its message?*
- *What information would you need to know about the Irish Famine to better understand the illustration?*