



"Poor Pat Must Emigrate"

Student Worksheet

Reading the Curtis Family Letters

- 1. Who is writing to whom?
- 2. What do these letters seem to mean to the writers?

3. What about these letters seems different from letters we write today? Why?

4. How would you describe the style of these letters? What does the style tell you about the writers of the letters?

5. What feelings do the family members express to one another in the letters?

6. How do the family members seem to feel about one another? How does immigration seem to have affected their family?

7. What conditions in Ireland do the letters describe?

8. What do these letters tell you about some of the reasons the Irish came to the U.S.?