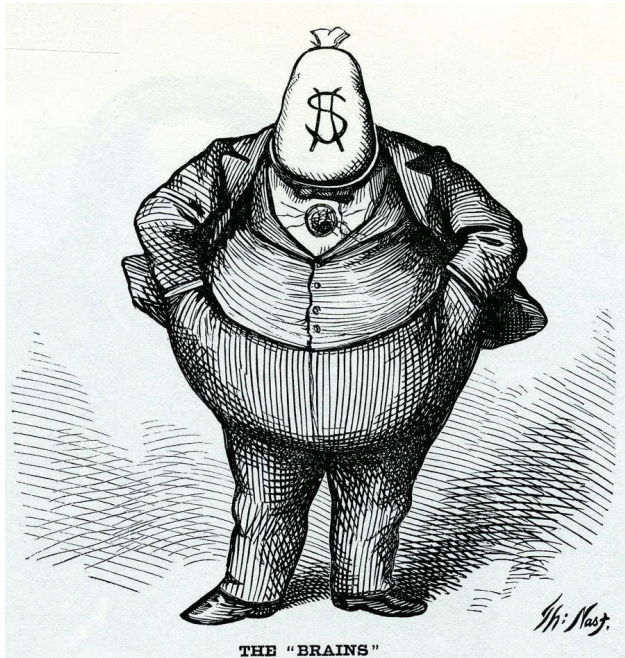


Thomas Nast Cartoons on Boss Tweed

Directions:

Discuss the meaning of the political cartoons of Thomas Nast, using the discussion questions below as a guide.

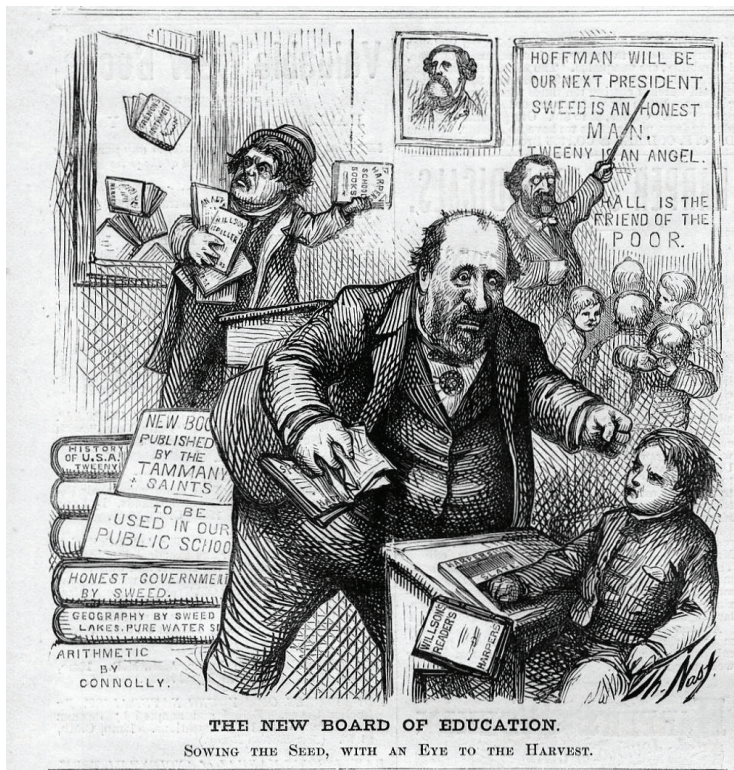
Note: For a clear and detailed digitized image, search Princeton University Digital Library (www.pudl.princeton.edu) for the title and/or date of each cartoon.



Thomas Nast, Harper's Weekly, October 21, 1871.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How does Thomas Nast portray Boss Tweed as a corrupt and greedy politician?
2. How do the political cartoons demonstrate that Boss Tweed has an unfair grip over politics in New York?
3. What threat does Boss Tweed represent to constitutional principles and a healthy civil society as portrayed by Thomas Nast?
4. What is the role of a free press in questioning the actions of the government in the American constitutional republic?