

**Paxton Boys Illustration Interpretation**

**ANSWER KEY**

	<p><b>Political viewpoint of artist/author</b> What is the message of the image and writing?</p>	<p><b>Techniques of the artist/author</b> How is the message conveyed (e.g. through exaggeration, symbolism, humor, clever use of rhymes)? Give specific examples of techniques used.</p>
<p><b>James Claypoole</b> <i>The German Bleeds</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Quakers, because of their pacifist philosophy, are placing the lives of German and Scots-Irish settlers at risk due to on-going Indian attacks</b></li> <li>• <b>Benjamin Franklin is acting as a mouthpiece for Quaker control</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Symbolism—the fox for Jon Fox, I.P. on the Indian’s backpack</b></li> <li>• <b>Exaggeration—Indians and Quakers riding on the backs of the settlers</b></li> <li>• <b>Dead settlers and burning buildings are striking illustrations of destruction caused by the Indians</b></li> <li>• <b>The poem is made up of three rhyming couplets</b></li> <li>• <b>The tone is sarcastic</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Henry Dawkins,</b> <i>The Indian Squaw</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Franklin and the Quakers are being taken advantage of by Indians, hence the “squaw” stealing a watch from Israel Pemberton as Franklin looks on.</b></li> <li>• <b>Franklin is encouraging discord and unrest for his own political gains</b></li> <li>• <b>Quakers are cowards and hypocrites; many refuse to fight the Indians, but others violate their pacifism in order to fight</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Symbolism—the fox near the cannon is Jon Fox, a founder of Quakerism</b></li> <li>• <b>Franklin is shown behind a curtain, safe from the fighting, but eager to look on and stir up trouble</b></li> <li>• <b>The poem is written in rhyming couplets</b></li> <li>• <b>The tone is sarcastic</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Henry Dawkins</b> <i>The Paxton Expedition</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Quakers are either cowards afraid to fight the Indians or hypocrites who are willing to do so.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The poem is written in rhyming couplets</b></li> <li>• <b>The drawing is very detailed</b></li> <li>• <b>The tone is sarcastic</b></li> </ul>