



Lesson 12.5: Perspectives on Immigration

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Reflection

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- What could the recent Irish immigrants and the established townspeople do to have a better relationship in the future?
- How can they understand each other's perspectives better?

Now think about your own life. Describe a time where you at first only understood your own perspective but then later came to understand someone else's perspective too.

- How were your perspectives different?
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What did they do?	Many Irish immigrants had moved to Manchester. They established their own Catholic Christian churches, which were different from the Protestant Christian churches already established in Manchester.	In the summer of 1854, a group of Manchester residents attacked an Irish Catholic church. They threw stones and broke windows.	John H. Maynard lived near the church and raced to the scene. He convinced the rioters to stop destroying the building. The police arrived and prevented further violence.
What do you think they were feeling and thinking?	Possible responses include: feeling fear that they would be harmed for being different in some ways from people who had been established in New Hampshire for a longer time, thinking that they would have to move away, or worrying they would lose their jobs.	Possible responses include: feeling anger that so many people from another place had moved into Manchester, feeling fear that their way of life would be pushed aside by new traditions, or thinking that the new residents would take jobs or housing away from established residents.	Possible responses include: Maynard cared about his neighborhood and wanted it to be safe for everyone who lived in it, the police had a duty to protect all citizens, or that both Maynard and the police wanted to ensure that no one was hurt.
What would you do in this situation?	Answers will vary.	Answers will vary.	Answers will vary.



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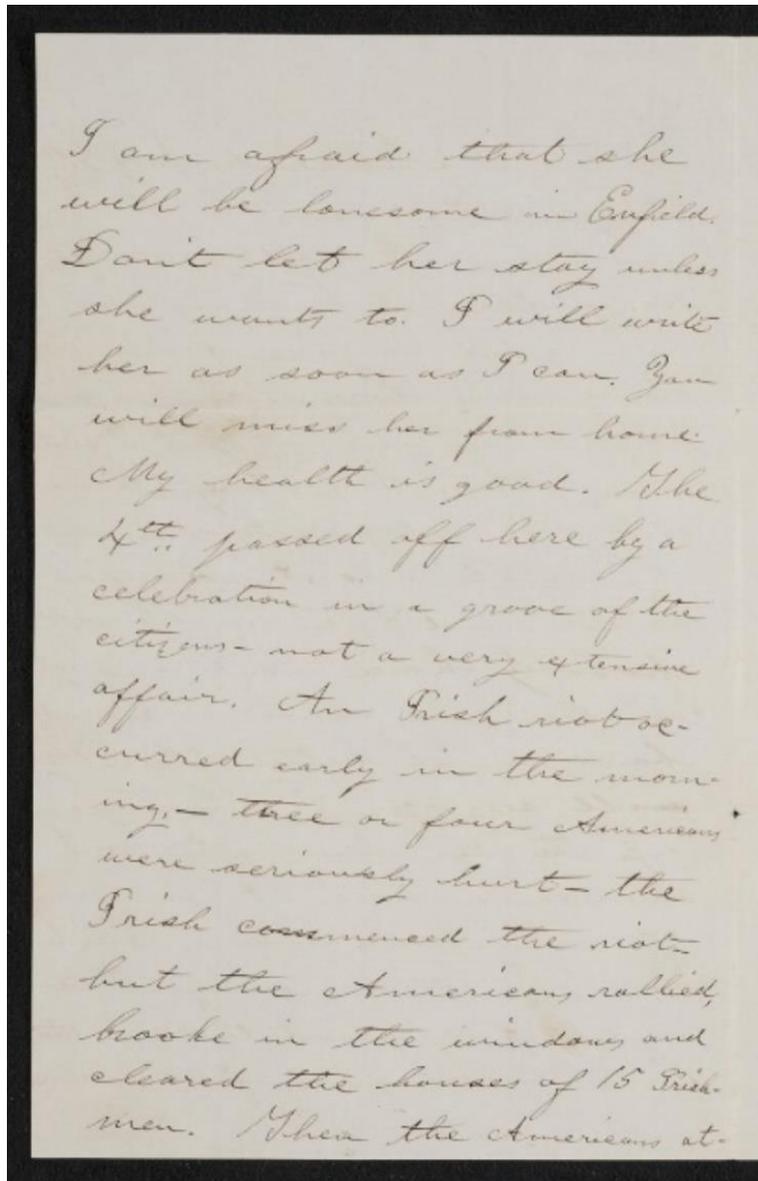
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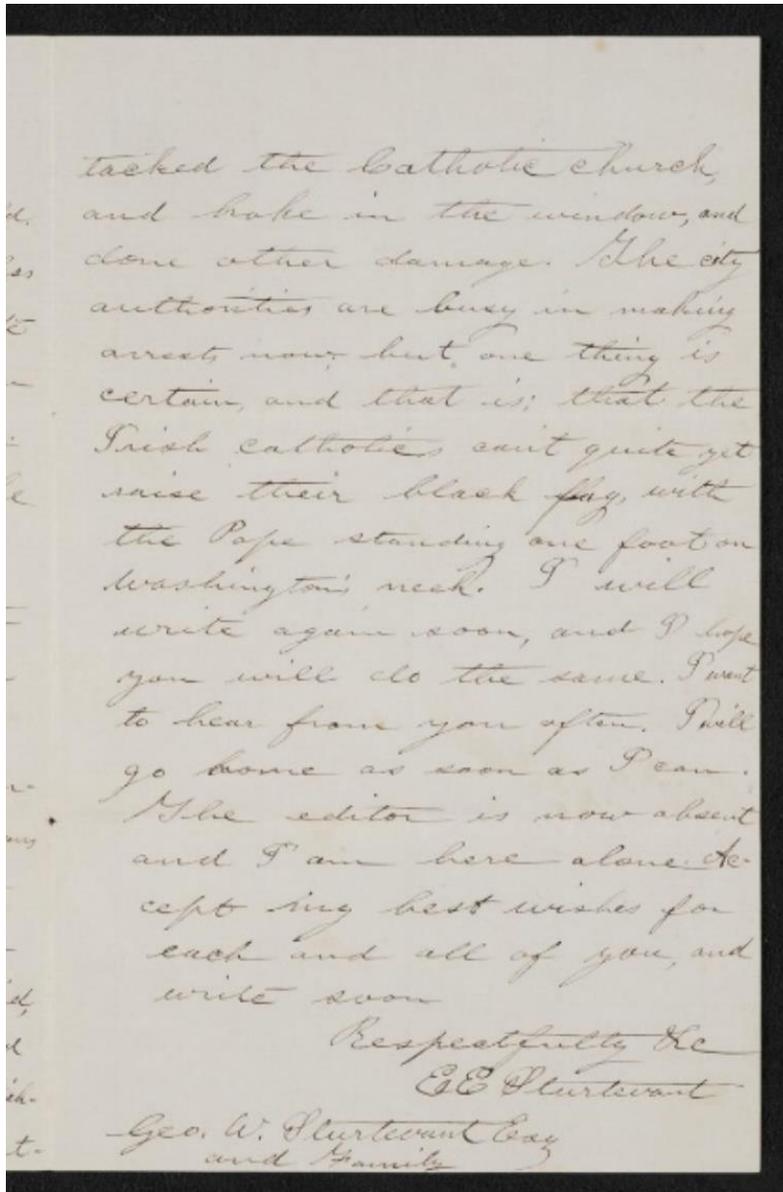


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I am afraid that she will be lonesome in Enfield. Don't let her stay unless she wants to. I will write her as soon as I can. You will miss her from home. My health is good. The 4th passed off here by a celebration in a grove of the citizens—not a very extensive affair. An Irish riot occurred early in the morning.—Three or four Americans were seriously hurt—the Irish commenced the riot but the Americans rallied, broke in the windows and cleared the houses of 15 Irishmen. Then the Americans at-



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tacked the Catholic church,
and broke in the window, and
done other damage. The city
authorities are busy in making
arrests now, but one thing is
certain, and that is: that the
Irish Catholics can't quite yet
raise their black flag, with
the Pope standing one foot on
Washington's neck. I will
write again soon, and I hope
you will do the same. I want
to hear from you often. I will
go home as soon as I can.
The editor is now absent
and I am here alone. Ac-
cept my best wishes for
each and all of you, and
write soon
Respectfully &c
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and Family