

Cartoon 22

Political Cartoons

Tammany Hall



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This cartoon appeared in *Harpers Weekly* in 1871. It was drawn by Thomas Nast, a well known political cartoonist.

Most readers in 1871 would have easily picked out Boss Tweed by his diamond stickpin and stout figure.

The Tammany Hall politicians are shown in a circle, so that the blame never leaves the ring.

ANALYZING POLITICAL CARTOONS

Study the political cartoons, and then answer the questions that follow.

1. How does the cartoon illustrate the idea of pass the buck, which is to shift responsibility to someone else?

2. How does this cartoon illustrate a political machine at work?
