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## Political Cartoons

### Fears of the Railroad



Although trains only reached a top speed of about 20 miles an hour in the early 1800s, some people feared that trains were uncontrollable. This 1839 poster opposed the coming of the railroad.

**MOTHERS LOOK OUT FOR YOUR CHILDREN!  
ARTISANS, MECHANICS, CITIZENS!**

When you leave your family in health, must you be hurried home to mourn a

**DREADFUL CASUALTY!**

PHILADELPHIANS, your RIGHTS are being invaded! regardless of your interests, or the LIVES OF YOUR LITTLE ONES. THE CAMDEN AND AMBOY, with the assistance of other companies without a Charter, and in VIOLATION OF LAW, as decreed by your Courts, are laying a

**LOCOMOTIVE RAIL ROAD!**

Through your most Beautiful Streets, to the RUIN of your TRADE, annihilation of your RIGHTS, and regard less of your PROSPERITY and COMFORT. Will you permit this? or do you consent to be a

**SUBURB OF NEW YORK!!**

Rails are now being laid on BROAD STREET to CONNECT the TRENTON RAIL ROAD with the WILMINGTON and BALTIMORE ROAD, under the pretence of constructing a City Passenger Railway from the Navy Yard to Fairmount. This is done under the auspices of the CAMDEN AND AMBOY MONOPOLY!

RALLY PEOPLE in the Majesty of your Strength and forbid THIS

**OUTRAGE!**

National Archives

The Camden and Amboy was the first railroad to operate in New Jersey.

### ANALYZING POLITICAL CARTOONS

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

1. What are some of the fears expressed in the poster?

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2. How does the poster present its message?

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