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“There are usually a large number of spectators at the dock-gates to witness the final departure of the ship, with its large freight of human beings. . . As the ship is towed out, hats are raised, handkerchiefs are waved, and a loud and long-continued shout of farewell is raised from the shore, and cordially responded to from the ship. It is then that the eyes of the emigrants begin to moisten with regret at the thought that they are looking for the last time at the old country-- that country which, although associated principally with the remembrance of sorrow and suffering, of semi-starvation, and a constant battle for the merest crust necessary to support existence is, nevertheless, the country of their fathers, the country of their childhood, and consecrated to their hearts by many a token.”

Source: *Illustrated London News*, July 6, 1850

8A. Review the picture and describe the scene.

8B. In an essay, discuss the reasons for leaving and the fears and/or expectations of the passengers for the future.
