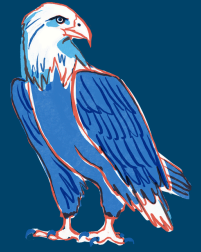




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BOSTON: CHRISTOPHER SEIDER, ROPE WALK

Name: _____

Date: _____

Multiple Choice

1. Who was Christopher Seider, and why is he significant in American history?
 - a) A Boston merchant who led the Sons of Liberty
 - b) An 11-year-old boy killed in Boston, considered the first death leading to the American Revolution
 - c) A British soldier who defected to the American side
 - d) A leader in the Boston nonimportation movement

2. What caused the crowd to gather outside Theophilus Lilly's shop on February 22, 1770?
 - a) Lilly was accused of being a customs informant.
 - b) Lilly was labeled an importer who refused to honor the nonimportation agreements.
 - c) Lilly was caught smuggling tea into Boston.
 - d) Lilly publicly insulted the Sons of Liberty.

3. How did Ebenezer Richardson provoke the crowd near Lilly's shop?
 - a) He fired a musket into the crowd.
 - b) He argued with the protesters and tore down their signs.
 - c) He threatened to arrest Samuel Adams.
 - d) He called for the British army to disperse the protesters.

4. What was the outcome of Ebenezer Richardson's musket fire?
 - a) Two protesters were killed on the spot.
 - b) Christopher Seider was fatally shot, and another boy was wounded.
 - c) Samuel Adams was injured.
 - d) The crowd dispersed immediately.

5. How did Boston respond to Christopher Seider's death?
 - a) They organized a large funeral procession under the Liberty Tree.
 - b) They retaliated by storming the British barracks.
 - c) They called for a meeting of the Continental Congress.
 - d) They destroyed the homes of customs agents.



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6. What was the Rope Walk Incident?

- a) A protest at a shipyard over British taxation policies
- b) A series of fights between rope makers and British soldiers over insults and jobs
- c) A confrontation between merchants and customs officials at Boston Harbor
- d) A march by the Sons of Liberty to boycott British goods

7. What sparked the fights at John Gray's rope walk?

- a) A British soldier was mocked and attacked after asking for a job.
- b) A rope maker stole supplies from British soldiers.
- c) British soldiers attempted to shut down the ropemaking factory.
- d) The rope makers protested a new British law.

8. What role did Crispus Attucks likely play in the Rope Walk Incident?

- a) He led the Sons of Liberty in attacking British troops.
- b) He participated as a rope maker and merchant marine involved in the fight.
- c) He organized a boycott of British goods after the skirmish.
- d) He testified against Ebenezer Richardson in court.

9. Why was the Rope Walk Incident significant in the leadup to the Boston Massacre?

- a) It was the first time colonists used weapons against British troops.
- b) It escalated tensions between soldiers and colonists, leading to more violence.
- c) It resulted in the repeal of the Quartering Act.
- d) It led to the first Continental Congress being convened.

10. How did General Gage describe the state of Boston after these incidents?

- a) "The city is peaceful now, thanks to the presence of troops."
- b) "The people were as lawless and licentious after the troops arrived as they were before."
- c) "The colonists have shown remarkable restraint."
- d) "The soldiers have restored order to the streets."
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Discussion Questions: Christopher Seider, the Rope Walk Incident, and the Lead-Up to the Revolution

- 1. Why do you think the death of Christopher Seider had such a big impact on the people of Boston?**
 - Follow-up: How do you think the funeral procession helped bring people together?
- 2. What do you think Ebenezer Richardson could have done differently to avoid the situation that led to Christopher Seider's death?**
 - Follow-up: How could the protesters have handled their anger in a more peaceful way?
- 3. The Rope Walk Incident started over a soldier looking for a job. Why do you think tensions were so high between British soldiers and Boston workers?**
 - Follow-up: Can you think of modern examples where people feel like jobs are being unfairly taken away?
- 4. How do events like the death of Christopher Seider and the Rope Walk fights show that tensions between colonists and British soldiers were escalating?**
 - Follow-up: Do you think it was possible to stop the situation from becoming violent? Why or why not?
- 5. Crispus Attucks, who may have participated in the Rope Walk Incident, later played a key role in the Boston Massacre. How do you think small events like this connect to bigger events in history?**
 - Follow-up: Why is it important to study these smaller moments leading up to the Revolutionary War?





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Answer Key

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