



# AMERICAN HISTORY



## BOSTON MASSACRE

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### Multiple Choice

1. What event is Crispus Attucks most famously associated with?
  - A. Signing the Declaration of Independence
  - B. Boston Tea Party
  - C. Boston Massacre
  - D. Battle of Bunker Hill
  
2. Crispus Attucks was the first to give his life for American liberty. Where was he shot during the Boston Massacre?
  - A. Head
  - B. Lung and liver
  - C. Stomach
  - D. Hip
  
3. What was Crispus Attucks' occupation before his death?
  - A. Blacksmith and merchant
  - B. Rope-maker and whaler
  - C. Soldier and carpenter
  - D. Teacher and farmer
  
4. Why were British soldiers present in Boston during the time of the Boston Massacre?
  - A. To help with local trade
  - B. To ensure compliance with British laws and suppress rebellion
  - C. To negotiate peace with the colonists
  - D. To assist in building infrastructure
  
5. Who was Christopher Seider, and how did his death impact tensions in Boston?
  - A. A soldier killed by colonists, leading to stricter British laws
  - B. A young bystander killed by a loyalist, heightening anti-British sentiment
  - C. A British officer shot by Crispus Attucks, sparking the Boston Massacre
  - D. A tax collector who caused protests by colonists



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6. Which of the following statements best describes the events leading up to the Boston Massacre?
- A. Colonists were celebrating the repeal of oppressive laws.
  - B. A violent confrontation broke out over disagreements about taxes.
  - C. Colonists resented the soldiers competing for jobs and occupying their city.
  - D. British soldiers were defending themselves against an armed colonial militia.
7. Which act required colonists to house and feed British soldiers, contributing to tensions in Boston?
- A. Navigation Act
  - B. Quartering Act
  - C. Stamp Act
  - D. Sugar Act
8. What role did Crispus Attucks play during the Boston Massacre?
- A. He led the crowd confronting British soldiers.
  - B. He defended British soldiers against colonists.
  - C. He negotiated peace between colonists and soldiers.
  - D. He helped organize the Boston Tea Party.
9. How did General George Washington reference the Boston Massacre in 1776?
- A. He called for vengeance on March 5th to honor the victims.
  - B. He urged forgiveness and reconciliation with the British.
  - C. He avoided mentioning it to focus on other events.
  - D. He dismissed it as a minor event.
10. What monument was erected in 1888 to commemorate Crispus Attucks and the Boston Massacre?
- A. The Liberty Bell Monument
  - B. The Boston Common Freedom Memorial
  - C. The Boston Massacre/Crispus Attucks Monument
  - D. The Revolution Memorial



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### Discussion Questions

- \*\*Why do you think Crispus Attucks is remembered as a hero of the American Revolution? \*\***  
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  - Encourage students to consider his leadership, his sacrifice, and how his actions symbolized the fight for liberty.

- \*\*How did the events leading up to the Boston Massacre, like the death of Christopher Seider, contribute to growing tensions between the colonists and the British? \*\***  
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  - Discuss how smaller events can escalate into larger conflicts and how anger and resentment build over time.

- \*\*Do you think the actions of the crowd during the Boston Massacre were justified? Why or why not? \*\***  
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  - Explore perspectives on protest, self-defense, and the balance between peaceful and violent resistance.

- \*\*What role did Crispus Attucks' background as a former enslaved person and sailor play in his willingness to stand up against British soldiers? \*\***  
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  - Discuss how his life experiences might have shaped his courage and determination to fight for freedom.

- \*\*How does the story of Crispus Attucks help us understand the diversity of people who contributed to American independence? \*\***  
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  - Reflect on the contributions of individuals from different backgrounds and the importance of remembering them in history.





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### Answer Key

1. C
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. C

