



AMERICAN HISTORY



BOSTON TEA PARTY

Name: _____

Date: _____

Multiple Choice

1. What was the primary reason for the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 1773?

- A) To protest the Quartering Act
- B) To prevent the unloading and taxation of British East India Company tea
- C) To demand representation in Parliament
- D) To protest the presence of British soldiers in Boston

2. Which ships were involved in the Boston Tea Party?

- A) Liberty, Friendship, Unity
- B) Mayflower, Providence, Adventure
- C) Dartmouth, Eleanor, Beaver
- D) Intrepid, Fortune, Defender

3. Who led the organization of the Boston Tea Party?

- A) John Hancock
- B) Paul Revere
- C) Samuel Adams
- D) Thomas Hutchinson

4. What was the type of tea dumped into Boston Harbor?

- A) Oolong
- B) Darjeeling
- C) Bohea
- D) Earl Grey

5. Why was the ship William not part of the Boston Tea Party?

- A) It was delayed by bad weather
- B) It was captured by British forces
- C) It ran aground off Cape Cod
- D) It was turned back to England



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6. Where did the major meetings about the tea crisis take place in Boston?
- A) Green Dragon Tavern
 - B) Old North Church
 - C) Faneuil Hall and Old South Meeting House
 - D) Boston Common
7. How did the Sons of Liberty ensure no tea was salvaged from the harbor after the Boston Tea Party?
- A) They set the ships on fire
 - B) They sank the tea crates with oars and paddles
 - C) They guarded the harbor day and night
 - D) They poured salt over the tea
8. What was the approximate value of the tea destroyed during the Boston Tea Party in today's money?
- A) \$500,000
 - B) \$1,000,000
 - C) \$1,700,000
 - D) \$2,500,000
9. How did the British government respond to the Boston Tea Party?
- A) They arrested all known participants immediately
 - B) They shut down Boston Harbor through the Boston Port Act
 - C) They imposed new taxes on sugar and tobacco
 - D) They increased trade with other colonies
10. What phrase did Samuel Adams reportedly use to signal the Sons of Liberty to begin the Boston Tea Party?
- A) "Make Boston Harbor a teapot tonight!"
 - B) "This meeting can do nothing more to save the country!"
 - C) "The tea must not land on our shores!"
 - D) "Let the tea flow into the sea!"



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Discussion Questions on the Boston Tea Party

1. **Was the Boston Tea Party an act of patriotism or vandalism?***
 - *Discuss the perspectives of the Sons of Liberty, British authorities, and neutral colonists.*
 - *How do we define acts of protest versus destruction in a historical context?*
2. **Why did the Sons of Liberty disguise themselves as Mohawk Indians during the Boston Tea Party?***
 - *Was the disguise practical, symbolic, or both?*
 - *What message were they trying to send by adopting this identity?*
3. **Could the conflict over tea taxation have been resolved without resorting to events like the Boston Tea Party?***
 - *What alternative actions could the colonists or the British government have taken?*
 - *Why do you think diplomacy failed?*
4. **What role did propaganda play in shaping public opinion about the Boston Tea Party?***
 - *How did figures like Samuel Adams and publications by the Sons of Liberty influence colonial support?*
 - *Do you think the public would have responded differently if events had been portrayed differently?*
5. **What were the long-term consequences of the Boston Tea Party on both the American colonies and Britain?***
 - *How did the British response (e.g., the Intolerable Acts) escalate tensions?*
 - *Did the colonists achieve their goals with the Boston Tea Party?*





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Answer Key

1. B) To prevent the unloading and taxation of British East India Company tea
2. C) Dartmouth, Eleanor, Beaver
3. C) Samuel Adams
4. C) Bohea
5. C) It ran aground off Cape Cod
6. C) Faneuil Hall and Old South Meeting House
7. B) They sank the tea crates with oars and paddles
8. C) \$1,700,000
9. B) They shut down Boston Harbor through the Boston Port Act
10. B) "This meeting can do nothing more to save the country!"

