



# AMERICAN HISTORY



## BRITISH SOLDIERS IN THE COLONIES

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### Multiple Choice

1. What event led to the initial riot mentioned in the narrative?
  - a) The Boston Tea Party
  - b) The seizure of John Hancock's ship, Liberty
  - c) The implementation of the Stamp Act
  - d) The arrival of British troops in Boston
2. How did the colonists respond to the presence of British troops after the Quartering Act?
  - a) They welcomed them as protectors.
  - b) They engaged in regular demonstrations and hostility.
  - c) They formed alliances with British loyalists.
  - d) They refused to acknowledge the soldiers' presence entirely.
3. What was the Liberty Pole a symbol of?
  - a) Loyalty to King George
  - b) Rebellion against British policies like the Stamp Act
  - c) Colonial unity under British law
  - d) Celebration of British victories
4. Why did the British soldiers find the Liberty Pole offensive?
  - a) It was too tall and obstructed their barracks' view.
  - b) It symbolized rebellion and resembled an outlawed Maypole.
  - c) It was decorated with offensive slogans against the monarchy.
  - d) It was constructed without their permission.
5. What action did the British soldiers take against the Liberty Pole?
  - a) They used it for target practice.
  - b) They allowed it to remain but surrounded it with guards.
  - c) They chopped it down.
  - d) They burned it in a public ceremony.



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6. How did the Sons of Liberty react when the Liberty Pole was destroyed?
- They decided to stop their protests.
  - They replaced it with a taller one and issued threats.
  - They appealed to British officials for justice.
  - They launched a full-scale attack on the British barracks.
7. What was the British government's interpretation of colonial resistance?
- It was a legitimate protest against unfair taxation.
  - It was an early step toward total independence.
  - It was a temporary misunderstanding.
  - It was an act of loyalty to King George.
8. What marked Boston as an “occupied city” in October 1769?
- The arrival of 2,000 British troops marching through the streets
  - The declaration of martial law
  - The construction of British fortifications around the city
  - The arrest of Samuel Adams
9. What event is widely considered a turning point that escalated tensions between the colonists and British troops?
- The Boston Tea Party
  - The Boston Massacre
  - The cutting down of the Liberty Pole
  - The Proclamation of 1763
10. What did General Gage predict about the colonists’ ultimate goal?
- To seek reconciliation with the British Crown
  - To remain loyal to the king but resist certain taxes
  - To achieve complete independence from British rule
  - To secure more representation in Parliament



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### Discussion Questions

- Why do you think the British saw the Liberty Pole and other symbols like it as acts of rebellion, while the colonists saw them as symbols of freedom?
  - Discuss how people interpret symbols differently based on their perspectives.
- What would you have done if you were a colonist living in New York or Boston during this time? Would you join the protests, support the British, or try to stay neutral? Why?
  - Explore personal decision-making in times of conflict.
- Do you think the British sending troops to Boston and New York helped maintain order or made things worse? Why?
  - Discuss the impact of military force in managing protests.
- Why do you think symbols like the Liberty Pole were so important to the colonists? Can you think of symbols today that carry similar meanings?
  - Encourage connections between historical and modern-day symbols.
- If you were a British official or soldier, how would you have responded to the colonists' actions? Do you think there was a better way to handle the situation?





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### Answer Key

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