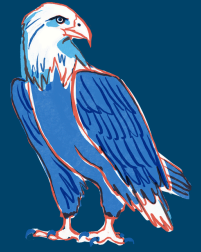




AMERICAN HISTORY



SAM ADAMS - JAMES OTIS JR

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Multiple Choice

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1. What sparked Samuel Adams' entry into political activism?
 - A. His father's opposition to his career choice
 - B. The Sugar Act of 1764 and Stamp Act of 1765
 - C. His role as a brewer in Boston
 - D. The Boston Tea Party

2. What did Samuel Adams believe was necessary to preserve liberty?
 - A. Education, organization, and action
 - B. Strong ties with Britain
 - C. Complete reliance on newspapers for information
 - D. Avoiding conflict with the British government

3. What was the purpose of the Committees of Correspondence established by Samuel Adams?
 - A. To organize colonial resistance and educate people on liberty
 - B. To enforce British taxation policies
 - C. To replace colonial assemblies
 - D. To draft the U.S. Constitution

4. What significant event is associated with the Sons of Liberty?
 - A. Writing the Declaration of Independence
 - B. The Boston Tea Party in 1773
 - C. Forming the Continental Army
 - D. Drafting the Articles of Confederation

5. What did Samuel Adams emphasize in his writings for the *Boston Gazette*?
 - A. Liberty requires knowledge, courage, and vigilance
 - B. The colonies should reconcile with Britain
 - C. Representation was less important than taxation
 - D. Violence was the only solution to colonial grievances



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6. Why was James Otis Jr. called the "midwife of liberty"?
 - A. He delivered pamphlets advocating independence
 - B. He inspired early opposition to British tyranny
 - C. He helped draft the Declaration of Independence
 - D. He wrote the U.S. Constitution

7. What were the Writs of Assistance?
 - A. Documents that allowed British officials to search without warrants
 - B. Tax exemptions for colonial merchants
 - C. Legal protections for American property owners
 - D. Trade agreements between Britain and the colonies

8. What was the outcome of James Otis Jr.'s case against the Writs of Assistance?
 - A. The judges ruled in favor of Otis
 - B. The case inspired colonial resistance despite no clear verdict
 - C. The writs were abolished immediately
 - D. Otis lost public support

9. How did James Otis Jr. inspire future revolutionaries like Samuel Adams?
 - A. Through his fiery oratory and defense of liberty
 - B. By drafting the Constitution
 - C. By leading the Continental Army
 - D. By negotiating peace with Britain

10. What tragic event ended James Otis Jr.'s life?
 - A. He was assassinated by a British customs officer
 - B. He was struck by lightning
 - C. He succumbed to injuries from a mob attack
 - D. He died in battle during the American Revolution



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Here are five age-appropriate discussion questions for based on the lives and contributions of Samuel Adams and James Otis Jr.:

1. **Samuel Adams believed that people needed to be educated about their rights to fight for liberty. Why do you think knowing about your rights is important? How can education help people make better decisions?*
2. **The Sons of Liberty used creative protests, like mock funerals and tea dumping, to show their opposition to British taxes. Why do you think they used these methods? What are some peaceful ways people today can express their opinions?*
3. **James Otis Jr. stood up against unfair laws even though it put his life at risk. Why is it important to stand up for what you believe is right? Can you think of a time when someone stood up for you or someone else?*
4. **The Committees of Correspondence helped colonists share information and stay united. Why do you think teamwork and communication are important when solving big problems? How do people stay connected and share ideas today?*
5. **James Otis Jr. said that people who don't protect their freedoms might lose them. What do you think freedom means to you? How can kids your age help protect what's important to them and their community?*





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Answer Key

1. B
2. A
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