

The Boston Tea Party

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The Boston Tea Party was no party at all. Instead, it was a protest by the American colonists against Great Britain. They were protesting against paying taxes to a country that refused to give them a proper say in how their lands were ruled.

You see, America did not start with the Revolution years earlier. As more colonies grew. They had that land. Great Britain people of the American

They decided to pay hefty taxes. They had tea.

The problem was taxes, he did not give them get to vote on their laws or have a say in the way the government was set up.

This is called taxation without representation. The colonists saw this as unfair. They voiced their disagreement but it did not make a difference.

At last, a fight broke out between the colonists and the British soldiers who were stationed in the American colonies. The king relented. He took away many of the unfair taxes. However, he kept one high tax. This was the tax on tea.



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The American colonists were not happy. The high taxes on tea was still not fair. They stopped buying tea that came from the British company called the East India Company.

The king was unhappy about this. He tried to force the colonists to buy this tea, but they would not do it. They refused to do it until they had fair representation.

In December of 1773, three British ships docked in Boston, Massachusetts. These ships were carrying tea.

A group of angry colonists were serious about fighting for their rights. They disguised themselves as Native Americans and took 342 chests of tea. They destroyed the tea. The tea leaves would be ruined.

No one was hurt. The protest was peaceful. That did not stop the British.

News of this event reached King George of Great Britain.

He imposed new laws.

He took away the power of the people in Massachusetts to elect their own town officials. He also closed the ports of Boston until the people agreed to repay the money lost due to the ruined tea. This meant the people of Boston could not do any buying or selling at their ports.

These laws were called the Coercive Acts, but they became known better as the Intolerable Acts. This was because the colonists refused to tolerate them. These rules made the colonists more determined to fight for their freedom from Great Britain.

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- 1) Which is not true about the Boston Tea Party?
- a. Giving vent to their anger, the colonists destroyed 342 chests of tea and dumped the tea into Boston Harbor.
 - b. Despite paying taxes, the colonists had no say in deciding how their colonies were run.
 - c. Officials of Great Britain and representatives of the colonies settled their disagreement.
 - d. King George III was angry that the colonists had no say in how their colonies were run.

2) How did Great Britain react to the Boston Tea Party?

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3) Explain 'Taxation without Representation'.

4) What punishments were imposed on the colonists after the Boston incident?

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5) Complete the paragraph using the words, phrases or idioms given.

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The Boston Tea Party was a protest against Great Britain's tax on tea. This was because the British lands were ruled by King George III. The ships docked in Boston were dumping the tea into the water. In turn, _____

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power to elect their own town officials.