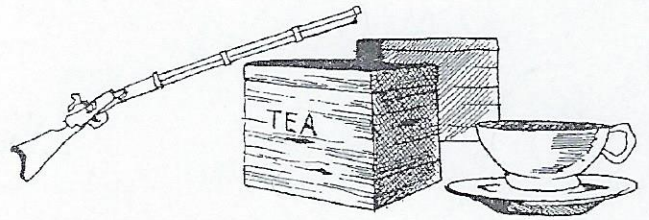


# BOSTON TEA PARTY

Day 2



On December 16, 1773, several hundred Boston colonists dressed as Native American. They raided British ships and dumped their cargo of tea into the Boston Harbor. This act became known as the Boston Tea Party.

Since the 1760s, the British government had been faced with mounting expenses. First, there was the cost of the French and Indian war. Then, there was the cost of governing the 13 colonies.

To raise money, the British Parliament decided to place a tax on goods brought into the colonies.

In 1764, the Sugar Act was passed. It placed a tax on molasses. In 1765, the Stamp Act was passed. It placed a tax on all legal documents, business forms, and newspapers.

Besides the Sugar and Stamp Acts, the British government also wanted the colonies to pay a tax on tea that was brought in from England.

The people of the colonies became very angry about the taxes. They argued that they shouldn't pay taxes to a government in which they had no voice. A famous saying throughout the colonies at the time was, "No taxation without representation."

After the Boston Tea Party, the British government decided that the people of Boston had to be punished. In 1774, laws were passed that closed Boston Harbor to all trade. The law also gave Great Britain more power in Boston and in the whole colony of Massachusetts. This was to continue until Massachusetts paid for the destroyed tea.

The colonists refused to pay for the tea. This refusal started a war between the colonies and Great Britain. This war led to the birth of a country known as the United States of America.



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Match each answer on the left to the descriptions on the right.  
Write the correct number on the line next to the description.

1. Sugar Act \_\_\_\_\_ the cargo dumped into Boston Harbor
2. Boston Harbor \_\_\_\_\_ the month the tea party occurred
3. tea \_\_\_\_\_ the year the Sugar Act was passed
4. Stamp Act \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the tax put on molasses
5. December \_\_\_\_\_ the place where the English tea was dumped
6. 1773 \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the tax put on documents
7. 1774 \_\_\_\_\_ refusal by the colonists to pay the tea tax led to this
8. 1764 \_\_\_\_\_ the year England closed Boston Harbor to all trade
9. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ the date in December when colonists dressed as Native Americans and threw tea into the harbor
10. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ the number of colonies governed by England
11. war \_\_\_\_\_ what the colonists felt they should have in the English government
12. representation \_\_\_\_\_ the year the Boston Tea Party occurred

**Research:** Find *American Revolution* in an encyclopedia. When did the war begin and end?