

Discover America

Course 3 - Teacher Guide



**COURSE 3: THE ORIGINAL COLONIES
AND THE BOSTON TEA PARTY**

Table of **Contents**

3	Themes + Values
4	Learning Objectives
5	Key Terms
6	Introduction
7	Lesson
9	Flash Cards
11	Graphic Organizer
12	Assessment + Key
14	Resources
15	Notes

3rd Grade

Teacher Guide



Key Themes

- Courage
- Freedom
- Persistence

Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Tell what happened during the Boston Massacre.
- Explain the cause of the tension between colonists and British troops.



Boston Tea Party - 3rd Grade

Key Terms

- 01 **Boston Massacre** - a deadly fight between the colonists and the British soldiers.
- 02 **protest** - publicly expressing disagreement with something for others to see.
- 03 **taxes** - money that goes to the government for different reasons.
- 04 **Townshend Acts** - taxed items including paint, paper, glass, lead, and tea.
- 05 **tyranny** - cruel and harsh ruling.

Boston Tea Party - 3rd Grade

Introduction

ASK Students

How do you calm down when you are frustrated?
Maybe you take deep breaths or count to ten.

How do you handle it when someone is “pushing your buttons”
or purposefully trying to upset you?

(allow students to respond)

TELL Students

There was a time when the decisions made by the British government were negatively impacting the colonists. A **colonist** is a person who settles in a new colony or area. They were tired of the amount of unfair taxes imposed by the King. The colonists were also tired of the British troops sent to tell them what to do. The stress and frustration felt by the colonists was increasing. One event, called the **Boston Massacre**, was a result of the tension between the colonists and the British soldiers. Let’s watch another episode of Star Spangled Adventures to learn more!

WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode:

The Boston Tea Party



Scan Me!

Boston Tea Party - 3rd Grade

Lesson

Unrest and Conflict: The Road to Revolution

TELL Students

While the colonists continued rallying support during the protests against all the unfair taxes, British soldiers were deployed to enforce the laws and keep the unruly colonists in line. The presence of British troops, also called “Redcoats” because of the color of their uniform, increased tensions between the colonists and the British crown. The colonists had endured years of conflict with British officials, and the number of people living in poverty was growing. As tension between the colonists and the British troops rose, so did the number of fights.

In Boston on March 5, 1770, as British military occupation and control over the colonists continued to rise, a deadly fight took place between the colonists and British soldiers. This event, known as the Boston Massacre, killed five colonists and injured six. Crispus Attucks was one of the colonists killed. History now remembers Attucks, a Native American and African sailor, as the first victim of the American Revolutionary War. The Boston Massacre demonstrated the tyranny of the British and would ultimately lead to more events and the start of the American Revolution. Let’s watch an episode of Learn More with Liberty video to learn more!

WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Course Video:

The Last Six Colonies Timeline Part 1



Scan Me!

Boston Tea Party - 3rd Grade

Lesson

Defiance In Boston: The Boston Tea Party and Its Impact

TELL Students

After the Townshend Acts were repealed in April, the British still kept a tax on tea. This made the colonists in Boston upset because they had to pay high prices for their tea. They wanted to show the British government that they didn't agree with this tax. So, they came up with a plan called the **Boston Tea Party**.

In December 1773, a group of colonists in Boston decided to take action. They dressed up like Native Americans so no one would know who they were. They sneaked onto British ships that were docked in Boston Harbor. These ships were loaded with crates of tea from England. The colonists took the crates of tea and threw them into the harbor. They did this to **protest** the high tax on tea and to show the British that they wouldn't accept unfair taxes without having a say.

The Boston Tea Party was not just about tea. It was a way for the colonists to stand up for their rights. It showed that they were willing to take bold actions to protect their freedom and to challenge unfair laws made by the British government.

The British were very angry about the Boston Tea Party. They passed strict laws called the Intolerable Acts to punish the people of Boston. These laws closed the port of Boston and took away the colonists' right to govern themselves.

However, the Boston Tea Party also brought the American colonists closer together. It showed that they could unite and take action against unfair treatment. This event became an important moment in American history and eventually led to the American Revolution. Let's watch another episode of Learn More with Liberty to learn more!

WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Course Video:
The last Six Colonies Timeline Part 2



Scan Me!

Boston Tea Party - 3rd Grade

Flash Cards



**BOSTON
MASSACRE**

a deadly fight
between the
colonists and the
British soldiers

PROTEST

publicly expressing
disagreement with
something for others
to see

TAXES

money that goes to
the government for
different reasons

Boston Tea Party - 3rd Grade

Flash Cards

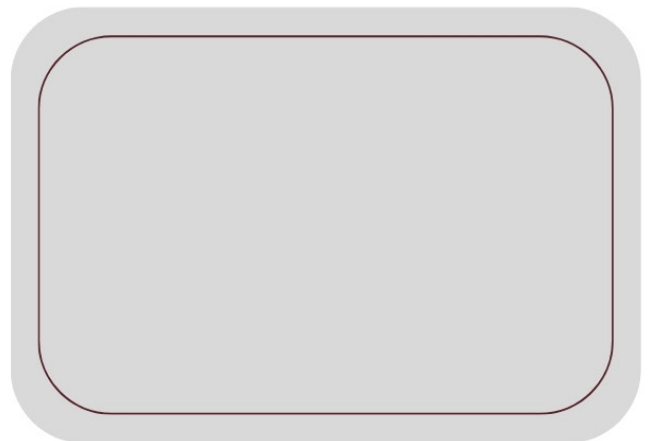
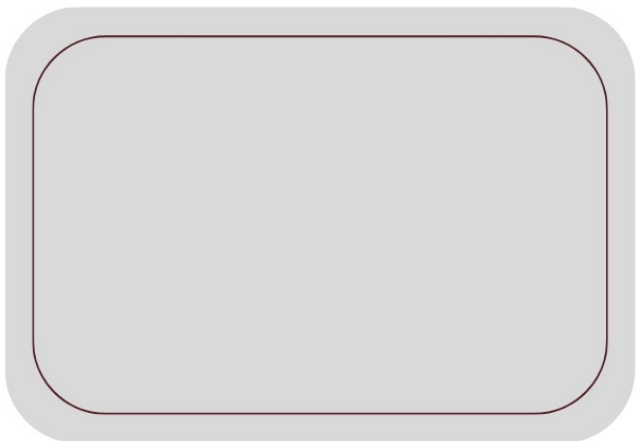


TOWNSHEND ACTS

taxed items
including paint,
paper, glass, lead,
and tea

TYRANNY

cruel and harsh
ruling



Graphic Organizer

The Boston Massacre

Complete the graphic organizer below to provide information about the Boston Massacre and the laws and people surrounding the protest.

The Boston Massacre

Took Place On:

What happened?

Townshend Acts

Repealed:

Taxed what items?

Crispus Attucks

Fought for:

Remembered as:

Boston Tea Party - 3rd Grade

Assessment

1. A deadly fight between the colonists and British soldiers resulting in the death of five colonists.

- a. Townshend Massacre
- b. Boston Massacre
- c. Boston Tea Party
- d. Boston Tyranny

2. Legislation responsible for taxing even more items the colonists needed like paper, glass, and tea.

- a. Townshend Acts
- b. Townstead Acts
- c. Tea Acts
- d. Plymouth Acts

3. Another name for British troops.

- a. Bluecoats
- b. Orangecoats
- c. Redcoats
- d. None of the above

4. What was one thing the colonies had in common?

- a. They all grew tobacco to make money.
- b. They all ran their government the same way.
- c. They all decided they no longer wanted to live under British rule.
- d. They were all created so the settlers could have religious freedom.

5. One of the colonists killed in the Boston Massacre, Crispus Attucks, was a Native American and African sailor who was the first victim of the American Revolutionary War.

- a. True
- b. False

Boston Tea Party - 3rd Grade

Assessment Key

1. A deadly fight between the colonists and British soldiers resulting in the death of five colonists.

- a. Townshend Massacre
- b. Boston Massacre**
- c. Boston Tea Party
- d. Boston Tyranny

2. Legislation responsible for taxing even more items the colonists needed like paper, glass, and tea.

- a. Townshend Acts**
- b. Townstead Acts
- c. Tea Acts
- d. Plymouth Acts

3. Another name for British troops.

- a. Bluecoats
- c. Redcoats**
- b. Orangecoats
- d. None of the above

4. What was one thing the colonies had in common?

- a. They all grew tobacco to make money.
- c. They all decided they no longer wanted to live under British rule.**
- b. They all ran their government the same way.
- d. They were all created so the settlers could have religious freedom.

5. One of the colonists killed in the Boston Massacre, Crispus Attucks, was a Native American and African sailor who was the first victim of the American Revolutionary War.

- a. True**
- b. False

Boston Tea Party

Resource List

<https://www.history.com/topics/colonial-america/thirteen-colonies>

<https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/boston-tea-party>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/road-to-revolution/the-american-revolution/a/the-townshend-acts>

<https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/boston-massacre>

<https://www.biography.com/military-figure/crispus-attucks>

<https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/townshend-acts>

<https://www.bostonteatpartyship.com/boston-tea-party-cause#:~:text=In%20simplest%20terms%2C%20the%20Boston,the%20French%20and%20Indian%20War>

<https://www.bostonteatpartyship.com/disguise-of-sons-of-liberty#:~:text=In%20an%20effort%20to%20hide,as%20Mohawks%20or%20Narragansett%20Indian>

<https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-boston-tea-party>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/road-to-revolution/the-american-revolution/a/the-boston-tea-party>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/road-to-revolution/the-american-revolution/a/the-intolerable-acts-and-the-first-continental-congress>

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/congress-petitions-english-king-to-address-grievances#:~:text=On%20October%2025%2C%201774%2C%20the,be%20standing%20behind%20British%20rule>

