

Discover America

Course 3 - Teacher Guide



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

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Key Themes

- Boldness
- 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.



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Key Terms

- 01 **Boston Massacre** - a deadly fight between the colonists and British soldiers which resulted in the deaths of five colonists and six more injured.
- 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.

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Introduction

ASK Students

What do you do when you are feeling frustrated to help you calm down?
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 where the decisions made by the British government were negatively impacting the colonists. They were fed up with the amount of unfair taxing by the King as well as by the amount of British troops sent to tell the colonists 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.

WATCH

Learn More with Liberty



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The Boston Massacre

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. One of the killed colonists was Crispus Attucks. 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.

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The Boston Massacre

TELL Students

In April, the British repealed the Townshend Acts – except for the tax on tea. The colonists were still not happy with the high tax on tea, so they came up with a plan for another demonstration. This next demonstration would come to be known as the Boston Tea Party.

REFLECTIONS

What impact did the Boston Massacre have on the colonists' lives?

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Flash Cards



**BOSTON
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TAXES

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Flash Cards

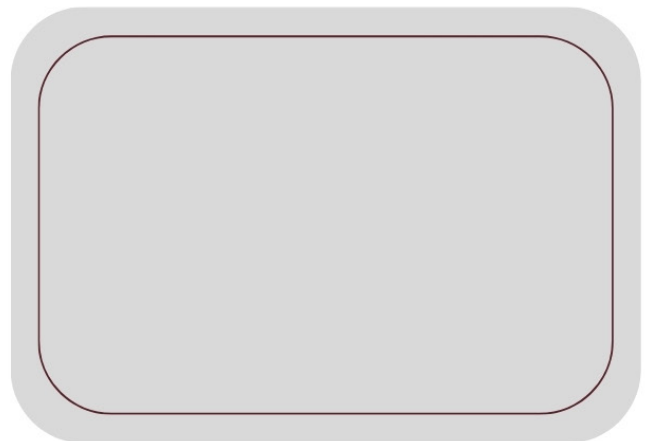
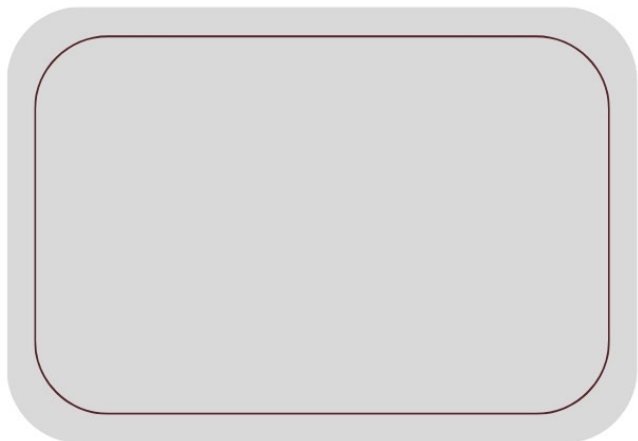


TOWNSHEND ACTS

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paper, glass, lead,
and tea

TYRANNY

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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:

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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

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Resource List

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

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