

SKILL: Cause and Effect

B**OSTON TEA PARTY**

The Tea Act passed by Parliament in 1773 was unpopular in the colonies. It gave the English East India Company a monopoly on importing tea into the colonies. There were many protests against it, including the famous Boston Tea Party. The Sons of Liberty, led by Samuel Adams, disguised themselves as Mohawk Indians and boarded three tea ships docked in the Boston Harbor. They dumped 342 chests of East India Company tea into Boston Harbor in protest of the Tea Act. They believed that by destroying the tea Britain would see how strongly the colonists disagreed with the law.

QUESTIONS

- 1) Why did Parliament pass the Tea Act?
- 2) How was the Boston Tea Party an act of civil disobedience?

1215

1607

1620

1776

1787

1803

1861

1865

1877

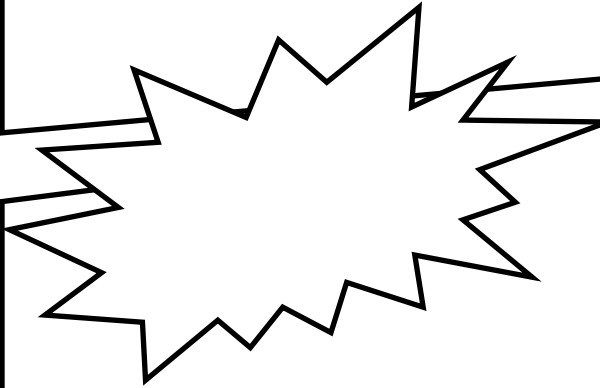
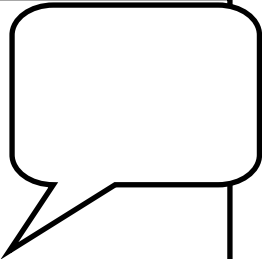
[Cause] Since...

[Event] The Sons of Liberty dumped 342 chests of tea into Boston harbor in protest.

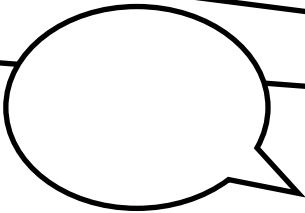
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Civil
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CAUSE



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