

# Clue # 3

## Did you know?

The king considered the tea dumping as an act of rebellion.

Following the Boston Massacre, the British started collecting a new tax on tea. On average, most American colonists consumed 2 to 3 cups of tea every day. At that time, about 90% of the tea was being smuggled into the colonies.

Three British trade ships named the Dartmouth, the Eleanor, and the Beaver sat in the Boston harbor for weeks. Their tea delivery wasn't being unloaded because the colonists of Boston refused to buy or use the English tea. Their anger was directed at Great Britain, which had passed the Tea Act. The Tea Act was a law that required American colonists to buy their tea from the British owned East India Company. The Tea Act was passed by Parliament on May 10, 1773. The law lowered prices on tea, however, the Tea Act placed a tax on tea sold by any other company.

Leading Boston patriots protested this tax by boarding British ships and dumping the tea into the water of the Boston Harbor. This was known as the Boston Tea Party. A group of colonists named the Sons of Liberty was determined to let the British know they were unhappy. The Sons of Liberty was a secret society made up of American colonists who wanted to fight British taxation. Patriots like John Hancock, Paul Revere, and Samuel Adams were members of the group. The original purpose of the Sons of Liberty was to force British stamp agents to resign and to stop American merchants from ordering British goods.

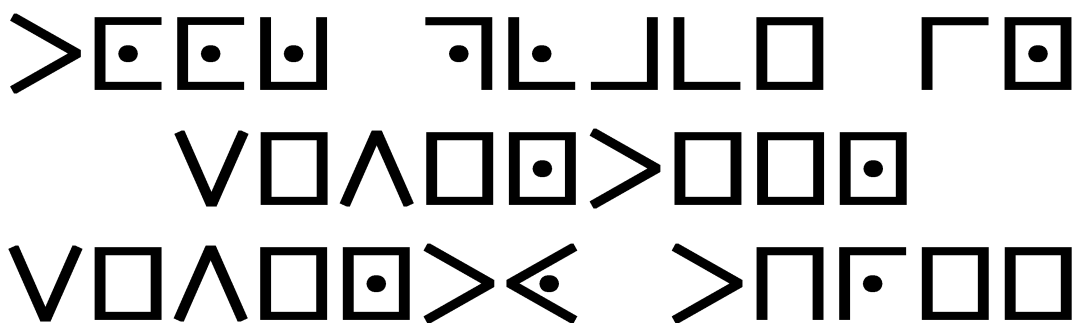
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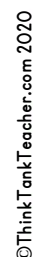
What percentage of tea was being smuggled into the colonies?

- A. 75%
- B. 80%
- C. 85%
- D. 90%

Question

The Boston Tea Party...





## Boston Massacre Writing Prompt

One of the events leading to the American Revolutionary War was described throughout the colonies as the Boston Massacre. Read the definition of the word massacre in a dictionary then respond to the following questions in paragraph form.

1)Based on what you know about that event, do you think the term massacre was an accurate description of what happened?

2)Why did the Sons of Liberty use that word when publishing images and accounts of what occurred?

3)If you were to choose an accurate word to describe the conflict, what word would you choose?