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Directions:

Read the text below. Answer each question that follows.

Boston Tea Party

The Boston Tea Party took place in Boston Harbor. The purpose of this event was based on principle. The American colonists did not want to pay tax on items unless they had voice in ways the tax could be used upon them. Their unity on this matter was strong, and as a result they dumped boxes and boxes of tea into the harbor, a product very important in their daily lives. This event took place on the evening of December 16, 1773. Patriots led by Samuel Adams boarded three ships. Three groups of 50 men who posed as Mohawk Native Americans broke open tea chests and heaved them overboard. As news of this tea party spread, other groups of Patriots conducted similar types of rebellions around the countryside.



1. Boston _____ was the site of the Boston Tea Party.
2. The Boston residents didn't like tea. True False
3. At the time, the American colonists did or did not have voice in how taxes were used.
 True False
4. The American colonists were united in their drive toward independence.
 True False
5. Three groups of men, _____ strong, boarded the British ships.
6. American colonists were disguised as _____ Native Americans.
7. What did the men do once on board?
A. broke open tea chests B. threw tea overboard C. visited D. A & B
8. Would you have liked to have observed the Boston Tea Party? Why or why not?

Answers

1. Harbor
2. False
3. did not
4. True
5. 50
6. Mohawk
7. D
8. Answers will vary.