

Key Events: Boston Massacre & Tea Party Newspaper

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Students will analyze two key events from multiple perspectives and report on them journalistically.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- plain paper
- ruler
- pen or markers
- internet-connected device or reference materials

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Fold a piece of paper or draw a large rectangle to create a colonial newspaper front page template, with a masthead at the top.
2. Research the Boston Massacre and write a short news article (5-6 sentences) reporting it as a Patriot-sympathizing colonial newspaper would, emphasizing British aggression.
3. Research the Boston Tea Party and write a second short article (5-6 sentences) reporting it as a Loyalist newspaper would, emphasizing colonial lawlessness.
4. Draw one small illustration for your front page depicting one of the events.
5. Add a headline for each article that reflects its biased perspective.

QUESTIONS

1. What happened at the Boston Massacre?
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2. What happened at the Boston Tea Party, and why did colonists do it?
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3. How did your Patriot headline differ from your Loyalist headline for the same type of event?
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4. Why is it useful to write about the same events from two different perspectives?
