Boston Tea Party



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1.	The Boston Tea Party was an act of political protest by the American Colonists against the British government in December, 1776.	
2.	At the time, if the colonies wanted tea, they had no choice but to buy it from a British company called the East India Trading Company and pay a high tax on it.	
3.	The colonists were unhappy because the tax they paid benefited the British government, but the colonists had no representation Parliament.	
4.	The American Colonists never specifically asked the British government for representation in Parliament.	
5.	When three ships arrived in the colonies carrying tea, the colonists told the ships to return to England, but they did not.	
6.	On December 16 th , 1776, a group of protesters disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded the ships and threw the entire cargo of tea into the water.	
7.	Historian know that the Boston Tea Party protest was planned well in advance of the incident.	
8.	Paul Revere was one of the 116 people who participated in the Boston Tea Party.	

