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Sequence

- The **sequence** of events is the order in which they take place, from first to last.
- Clue words such as *first*, *next*, and *then* may show sequence in a story or article, but not always. Other clues are dates and times of day.
- Sometimes two events happen at the same time. Clue words that show this are *meanwhile* and *in that same year*.

Directions Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

In 1773, American colonists in Boston raided three British ships in Boston Harbor. They dumped more than 300 crates of British tea into the water. They were protesting England's taxes on the American colonies. Eight months earlier, the British government had created a tax on all tea shipped from England to

America. The colonists were furious. On the night of December 16, 1773, Samuel Adams led approximately 100 colonists and stormed the British ships waiting to unload their tea. By dumping all the tea into the harbor, the colonists let the King know that they would not stand for his high taxation.

1. What did the British do that angered the American colonists? What year did they do it?

2. How long did it take for the colonists to take action?

3. Why did the colonists dump the tea into Boston Harbor?

4. Why is knowing that the colonists were angry at the British important to the sequence of events?

5. Imagine that you have been asked to give a history presentation on the Boston Tea Party. On a separate sheet of paper, list at least five questions you might try to answer in your presentation.



Home Activity Your child read a short passage and answered questions about the sequence of events described in it. Read a newspaper or magazine article with your child and discuss the sequence of events it describes.