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The Brave Participants and Leaders of the Boston Tea Party

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary depending on students' perspectives. Sample response: As a member of the Sons of Liberty, I would have felt a strong sense of injustice and frustration with British taxation without representation. I would have believed that participating in the Boston Tea Party was a way to make a bold statement and resist oppression.
2. Leadership and organization are crucial in historical events like the Boston Tea Party because they ensure that the protest is executed effectively and achieves its intended goals. Leaders like Samuel Adams and John Hancock motivated and coordinated the participants, making the protest a success.
3. The Boston Tea Party would likely not have had the same impact if it had been spontaneous and disorganized. The careful planning and execution allowed the protesters to send a clear message of resistance. Without organization, it might have been seen as a random act of destruction rather than a deliberate protest.
4. The use of disguises during the Boston Tea Party served to protect the identities of the participants, reducing the risk of retaliation. It also conveyed a sense of unity and collective action, as the colonists came together to make a statement against British oppression.

