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The Tea Act and the Boston Tea Party: A Brewing Storm

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was the main purpose of the Tea Act of 1773?
 - a) To grant the American colonies representation in the British Parliament
 - b) To grant the British East India Company a monopoly on tea sales in the colonies
 - c) To lower the tax rate on tea for the colonists
 - d) To raise taxes on all imported goods in the colonies

2. How did the Tea Act affect the British East India Company's tea in the American colonies?
 - a) It made their tea more expensive than Dutch tea.
 - b) It allowed them to sell tea directly to the colonists at a reduced tax rate.
 - c) It prohibited them from selling tea in the colonies.
 - d) It had no impact on their tea sales.

3. Why were many colonists opposed to the Tea Act?
 - a) They wanted to support the British East India Company.
 - b) They believed it would lower the price of tea.
 - c) They saw it as another form of British taxation without their consent.
 - d) They thought it would help their businesses.

4. Who were some of the leaders of the Boston Tea Party?
 - a) British soldiers
 - b) Mohawk Indians
 - c) Samuel Adams and John Hancock
 - d) Dutch merchants

5. How did the British government respond to the Boston Tea Party?
 - a) By lowering taxes on tea
 - b) By imposing harsh measures known as the Coercive Acts
 - c) By granting the colonists representation in the British Parliament
 - d) By offering gifts to the colonists

