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The Boston Tea Party: Destruction, Disguises, and Consequences

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary depending on students' perspectives. Sample response:
As a participant in the Boston Tea Party, I would have been motivated by a strong sense of injustice and a desire to resist British taxation and control. I would have believed that destroying the tea was a way to make a bold statement and protect our rights.
2. The nonviolent approach taken by the protesters during the Boston Tea Party was effective in achieving their goals without harming anyone. This approach helped garner sympathy and support from other colonists and solidified their unity in opposition to British policies. It also allowed the protesters to maintain the moral high ground in the eyes of many.
3. The destruction of the tea during the Boston Tea Party was symbolic of the colonists' resistance to British taxation and control. By destroying the tea, they sent a powerful message that they would not accept unfair taxation without a fight. The event became a symbol of colonial defiance and resistance.
4. The Coercive Acts, enacted by the British government in response to the Boston Tea Party, had a significant impact on the daily lives of the people in Boston and the American colonies. They included the closure of Boston Harbor, restrictions on town meetings, and the quartering of British troops in private homes. These measures not only punished Boston but also inflamed tensions and further united the colonists against British oppression.

