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The British East India Company and the Boston Tea Party

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was the main role of the British East India Company in the Boston Tea Party?
 - a) They organized and led the protest.
 - b) They provided financial support to the American colonists.
 - c) They owned the tea that was dumped into Boston Harbor.
 - d) They negotiated with the British government on behalf of the colonists.

2. Why did the British East India Company seek new markets for its surplus tea, including the American colonies?
 - a) To increase the price of tea in the colonies
 - b) To establish a monopoly on tea sales in the colonies
 - c) To support the local merchants in the colonies
 - d) To reduce tea production in India

3. What impact did the Tea Act have on the American colonists?
 - a) It lowered the price of tea, making it more affordable.
 - b) It granted them exclusive rights to trade with India.
 - c) It angered them by undercutting local merchants.
 - d) It reduced taxes on other imported goods.

4. What did the American colonists believe the British government's intentions were with the Tea Act?
 - a) To promote fair trade in the colonies
 - b) To protect local merchants
 - c) To assert control and generate revenue
 - d) To establish a direct democracy in the colonies

5. What did the American colonists dress as during the Boston Tea Party to conceal their identities?
 - a) Native Americans
 - b) French soldiers
 - c) British officers
 - d) Spanish explorers

