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## The Boston Tea Party: A Spark Igniting Revolution

### Short Answer Key

1. The Boston Tea Party took place on the evening of December 16, 1773, in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts.
2. The main objective of the Tea Act of 1773 was to grant the British East India Company a monopoly on tea sales in the colonies and sell tea to the colonists at a lower tax rate. The colonists opposed it because it symbolized British control over the colonies without their representation.
3. Prominent patriots involved in organizing the Boston Tea Party included Samuel Adams and John Hancock.
4. In response to the Boston Tea Party, the British government closed the Boston Harbor and passed the Coercive Acts (Intolerable Acts), which were intended to punish Massachusetts. These actions further infuriated the colonists and pushed them closer to open rebellion.
5. The Boston Tea Party contributed to the unity of the American colonies by demonstrating that they could come together to resist British oppression. It also galvanized support for independence and led to the eventual outbreak of the American Revolution.

