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The Boston Tea Party and Public Opinion

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was the primary issue that had been causing tension between the American colonies and Britain before the Boston Tea Party?
 - a) The taxation of British goods
 - b) The lack of representation in the British Parliament
 - c) The shortage of tea in the colonies
 - d) The British army stationed in the colonies

2. What was the main objective of the Tea Act of 1773?
 - a) To grant the American colonies representation in the British Parliament
 - b) To reduce taxes on tea for the colonists
 - c) To bypass colonial wholesalers and retailers in tea trade
 - d) To raise taxes on all imported goods in the colonies

3. Why did many colonial merchants and smugglers oppose the Tea Act?
 - a) They believed it would lower the price of tea.
 - b) They saw it as an opportunity to boost their businesses.
 - c) They were concerned it would threaten their livelihoods.
 - d) They wanted to support the British East India Company.

4. When did the Boston Tea Party take place, and what were its main actions?
 - a) It happened in 1776 and involved burning tea warehouses.
 - b) It occurred in 1773 and included dumping tea into Boston Harbor.
 - c) It took place in 1789 and resulted in the destruction of a British ship.
 - d) It happened in 1765 and involved boycotting British tea.

5. Did the Boston Tea Party receive widespread support from American colonists?
 - a) Yes, it was universally embraced by all colonists.
 - b) No, it received no support from any colonists.
 - c) Yes, but only from colonists in Boston.
 - d) No, support varied among colonists based on their circumstances and beliefs.

