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The Boston Tea Party: A Revolutionary Tea Party!

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary depending on students' perspectives. Sample response: I would have felt frustrated by the British government's taxation without representation. I might have supported the Boston Tea Party as a form of protest because it would have been a way to show that we were not willing to accept unfair taxation. However, I would have been concerned about the consequences of such an act.
2. The Boston Tea Party was significant because it marked a pivotal moment when the American colonists stood up against British oppression and unfair taxation. It fueled the growing sense of unity among the colonies and contributed to the broader movement for independence. It showed that the colonists were willing to take bold actions to protect their rights.
3. Alternative actions could have included engaging in peaceful negotiations with the American colonies to address their concerns, reducing or eliminating taxes on tea, or granting the colonies representation in Parliament. These alternatives might have led to a more peaceful resolution and averted the intensification of the conflict.
4. Answers will vary depending on students' perspectives. Sample response: Yes, I believe the Boston Tea Party was a justified act of protest because the colonists were faced with unfair taxation and a lack of representation in British decision-making. They used the Boston Tea Party as a means to express their frustration and resistance to British oppression. However, it's essential to consider that there were other ways to address the issue, and the destruction of property should always be a last resort.

