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Warning Signs and Attempts to Prevent the Boston Tea Party

Short Answer Key

1. Answer: Warning signs included taxation without colonial consent, boycotts, protests, the Boston Massacre, and opposition to British policies.
2. Answer: Colonists responded by organizing boycotts and protests. They were dissatisfied because they believed they were being taxed unfairly without representation in British Parliament.
3. Answer: The Boston Massacre intensified tensions and grievances against British troops, increasing colonial resentment. It served as a catalyst for further protests and resistance.
4. Answer: The British government passed the Tea Act, allowing the British East India Company to sell tea directly to the colonies at a lower price. However, this attempt still faced opposition from colonial merchants who saw it as a move toward a tea monopoly, contributing to tensions.
5. Answer: Governor Thomas Hutchinson was the governor of Massachusetts. He warned the British government that landing British tea in Boston might lead to destruction or violence. His warning was not heeded.

