

Story for Kids: The Illustrated History of the Boston Tea

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Synopsis

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In Charles River Editors' History for Kids series, your children can learn about history's most important people and events in an easy, entertaining, and educational way. The concise but comprehensive book will keep your kid's attention all the way to the end. In the years before the American Revolution, the disputes between the colonies and Great Britain produced no shortage of legendary events, all of which can be recited by schoolchildren from an early age, but none has been mythologized or misunderstood quite like the Boston Tea Party, colonial Boston's most unique act of (relatively) nonviolent protest. The formation of a group of Americans calling themselves the Tea Party in 2009, more than 235 years after the Boston Tea Party, is testament to the enduring legacy of that iconic moment in American history. On the night of December 16, 1773, a group of 30-130 men boarded the tea ship *Dartmouth* and two other ships and dumped 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor over the span of three hours in protest of the Tea Act of 1773. Agreement over what exactly happened ends there, but a number of legends have since popped up and become part of the common narrative. The urban legend that the people who boarded the ship dressed as Mohawks is not entirely true. The Tea Partiers were not protesting higher taxes on tea. The Tea Party was not coordinated by Samuel Adams. And nobody in Boston called it the Tea Party until nearly a century after it took place.

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