



TEA IN THE HARBOR

Dec. 16, 1773 was a night I'll never forget. It was the night of the Boston Tea Party. I bet you're wondering what is the Boston Tea Party? Is it a big tea party in Boston? Is it a day that people bought a lot of tea? It is neither. The Boston Tea Party was when a group of Patriots (boarded three ships, the Beaver, the Dartmouth, and the Eleazar). Each Patriot's duty was the same. Their duty was to throw all the tea into the Boston Harbor. The

The reason the Patriots threw the tea into the water was that King George the III was charging money. The Patriots called it "taxation without representation." This means that he wouldn't let the colonists take

part in making laws for their country. King George also made them pay high taxes on English tea. The colonists got mad and that's how the Boston Tea Party started. I would be on one of those three ships in the harbor helping the Patriots if I was older, but I can't so I'll just finish telling you what happened.

The Patriots dressed up like Mohawk Indians to hide their identity and to protect their families from England. When I finally got to the wharf, I heard someone yell

"Down with King George the III!" Everyone was cheering each time a crate landed in the Boston Harbor. Everyone cheered as we watched Paul Revere toss crate after crate of tea

into the Harbor I was getting tired just looking at him. All the groups on the three ships finished at about the same time. When the Patriots were getting off the ship they marched to the tune of Yankee Doodle all the way back to their homes. It was hard standing out there all that time but now it's time to hit the hay.

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