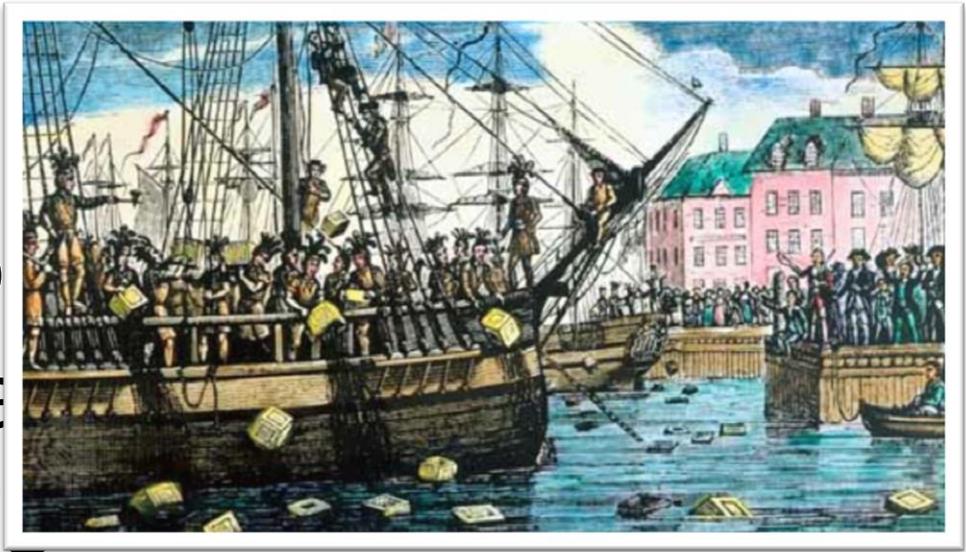


# Tea Act - 1773



- Parliament passes a new tea tax.
- Intended to help British East India Company. Colonial boycott has really hurt their profits.
- Actually lowered the price of tea for colonist because British East India Company could ship directly to the colonies.
- Colonist angry because they were forced to buy one company's tea. This would hurt the colonial merchants because they bought Dutch tea that was smuggled into the colonies.
- Colonist also angry that they had to pay a tax.

# The Boston Tea Party 1773



- Groups of colonist (Sons of Liberty) protested the tea tax in different cities.
- December 16, 1773 – colonist disguised as Native Americans threw 342 cases of tea into the harbor.
- Destroyed 90,000 pounds of tea worth thousands of dollars.

# Intolerable Acts - 1774

- Boston Tea Party outraged Parliament.
- King George III calls for tough action  
Boston made an example.

- **New Laws**

- Closed the port of Boston
  - Increases the powers of the royal governor
  - Abolished the upper house of the Massachusetts legislature & town meetings
  - Anyone accused of killing a British official would be brought to trial in Britain
  - Strengthened the Quartering Act
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- All 13 colonies met in a Continental Congress and sent supplies to Boston & started training militias



Coercive Acts