

- **Explain how The Boston Tea Party changed the lives of the colonists?**
- The **Boston Tea Party**, which involved the willful destruction of 342 crates of British tea, proved a significant development on the path to the American Revolution.
- The Boston Tea Party, which occurred on December 16, 1773 and was known to contemporaries as the Destruction of the Tea, was a direct response to British taxation policies in the North American colonies.
- The British response to the Boston Tea Party was to impose even more stringent policies on the Massachusetts colony. The **Coercive Acts** levied fines for the destroyed tea, sent British troops to Boston, and rewrote the colonial charter of Massachusetts, giving broadly expanded powers to the royally appointed governor.
- The delegates to the First Continental Congress took two major actions:
 1. They sent a letter to King George III explaining the issues the colonies had with the way they were being treated. They demanded that the King stop the Intolerable Acts or they would boycott English goods. However, the King chose to ignore them and the Americans began the boycott.
 2. They made a plan to meet again in May of 1775 if the British did not meet their demands.

Members of the First Continental Congress included John Adams, Patrick Henry, and George Washington. The President of the First Congress was Peyton Randolph.