

Boston Tea Party Skit

Student 1: Hello, is it **tea** you're looking for?

Student 2: Yes, we've been looking for you. We've got to tell all the people here about a certain **part-tea**.

Student 3: You mean the Boston Tea Party? Nope. Move **oolong**. There's nothing to see here. I don't want to re-live that experience again.

Student 4: We didn't even do anything. We just came over on a ship from the East India Tea Company. And it was SO cold in that harbor. I mean have you ever been to Massachusetts in the winter time? I'm used to being in hot water. Nope. My **sips** are sealed.

Student 5: No. They need to know about the **tea-ranny** that happened.

Student 6: Ok. Fine. To start this story you need to know about the **royal-tea** that was in charge of America before we became the country that we are today.

Student 7: Was it a president? The president runs our country now. Was it an emperor like I've heard about in ancient China? Was it an Earl? **Earl Grey** perhaps?

Student 8: No. The United States didn't even exist yet. This was before our country had its own leader. We were still ruled by England, and the leader was King George III. He was particularly **naught-tea** and was putting taxes on everything.

Student 9: You see England was **steep** in debt because they lost the French and Indian War and needed a way to make extra money and pay back those debts.

Student 10: So they imposed a series of acts- The Stamp Act put a tax on all paper goods, the Townshend Acts put taxes on household goods, and the Tea Act raised the price of tea exponentially. All these taxes were **BREWtal**.

Student 11: The colonists didn't owe the money to France, England did. Why were they having to pay? That's not fair because they were **camoMILES** away. The colonists became particularly angry because they weren't getting any representation in Parliament. Their slogan became "No taxation without representation"

Student 12: This meant that since they weren't getting to vote and be a part of the government then they shouldn't have to pay the government. And the Sons of **LiberTEA** were not having any of this. They were a group of colonists who were against King George III and wanted justice and independence for the American people.

Student 13: They were ready and willing to **chai** anything to get the King's attention, so they came up with a devious plan. The plan was basically a rebellion against King George and his taxes.

Student 14: On the night of December 16, 1773 a **TEAm** of men disguised as Native Americans boarded the Dartmouth (that's a ship) in the Boston Harbor.

Student 15: And you won't **tea-leaf** what happened next. The colonists threw 342 chests of us all into the harbor in that freezing water.

All: Ahhhhhhhhhhhhh

Student 16: There was so **matcha** tea that it took over 100 men nearly three hours to unload us all and throw us overboard.

Student 17: We weighed about 45 tons and in today's money it would have cost **cupwards** of one million dollars.

Student 18: Do you think it was worth it? Didn't the colonists need to **kettle** down? I mean, I think we are pretty worth the price of a tax.

Student 19: No. It was more than that. The colonists were making a statement about their **pour** treatment. This tea party was a major turning point in America's stance against England in their fight for **liberTEA**. This event paved the way for the Revolutionary War and gave the Americans the confidence to stand up for what they believed in.

All: You know what they say: you've got to fight for your right to **pour** tea.

