

Colonial Choices Compared

Compare people, places, and events from the American Revolution.

S.VS.e "comparing and contrasting people, places, and events;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details about the Boston Tea Party, circle details about the First Continental Congress, and put a star beside details that show something both events had in common.

Two Colonial Events

- ① In the 1770s, many colonists argued with Great Britain about taxes and laws. Two important events took place in different port cities: the Boston Tea Party in Massachusetts and the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Both events grew from anger over British policies, but the people involved used different actions to make their views known.
- ② On December 16, 1773, colonists in Boston protested the Tea Act. Some men disguised themselves as Mohawk Indians, boarded ships in Boston Harbor, and threw 342 chests of tea into the water. They destroyed tea to oppose a tax they believed was unfair. Britain responded by punishing Boston with harsh laws, including the closing of its port.
- ③ In September 1774, delegates from twelve colonies met at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia. Instead of destroying goods, these elected representatives talked, wrote letters, and agreed to boycott British products. Like the Boston protesters, the delegates opposed British policies. However, the Philadelphia meeting was planned and peaceful, while the Boston protest was a secret action at night. Both events helped unite colonists.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How were the Boston protesters different from the delegates in Philadelphia?

2 What was one difference between the places where the two events happened?

3 How were the reasons for the two events alike?

4 Contrast the actions taken at the Boston Tea Party and the First Continental Congress.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Complete the table to compare the two events. Use these four features: people, place, action, and result.

FEATURE	BOSTON TEA PARTY	FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details about the Boston Tea Party, circle details about the First Continental Congress, and put a star beside details that show something both events had in common. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How were the Boston protesters different from the delegates in Philadelphia?	The Boston protesters destroyed tea, while the Philadelphia delegates were elected representatives who met to talk, write letters, and plan a boycott.
2	What was one difference between the places where the two events happened?	The Boston Tea Party happened on ships in Boston Harbor, while the First Continental Congress met inside Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia.
3	How were the reasons for the two events alike?	Both events were caused by colonists' anger about British policies.
4	Contrast the actions taken at the Boston Tea Party and the First Continental Congress.	At the Boston Tea Party, protesters secretly destroyed tea at night. At the Congress, delegates held a planned, peaceful meeting and agreed to boycott British products.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

FEATURE	BOSTON TEA PARTY	FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
People	Boston colonists, including men disguised as Mohawk Indians	Elected delegates from twelve colonies
Place	Ships in Boston Harbor	Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia
Action	Destroyed 342 chests of tea	Talked, wrote letters, and agreed to boycott British products
Result	Britain punished Boston and closed its port	Delegates planned a boycott, and the event helped unite colonists

Accept equivalent comparisons that use accurate details from the passage. For the table, students may describe the people, places, actions, and results in different words if each comparison is supported by the text.