

Tea and Wars

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Summary

This book is about wars that were caused by the import and export of tea by the British.

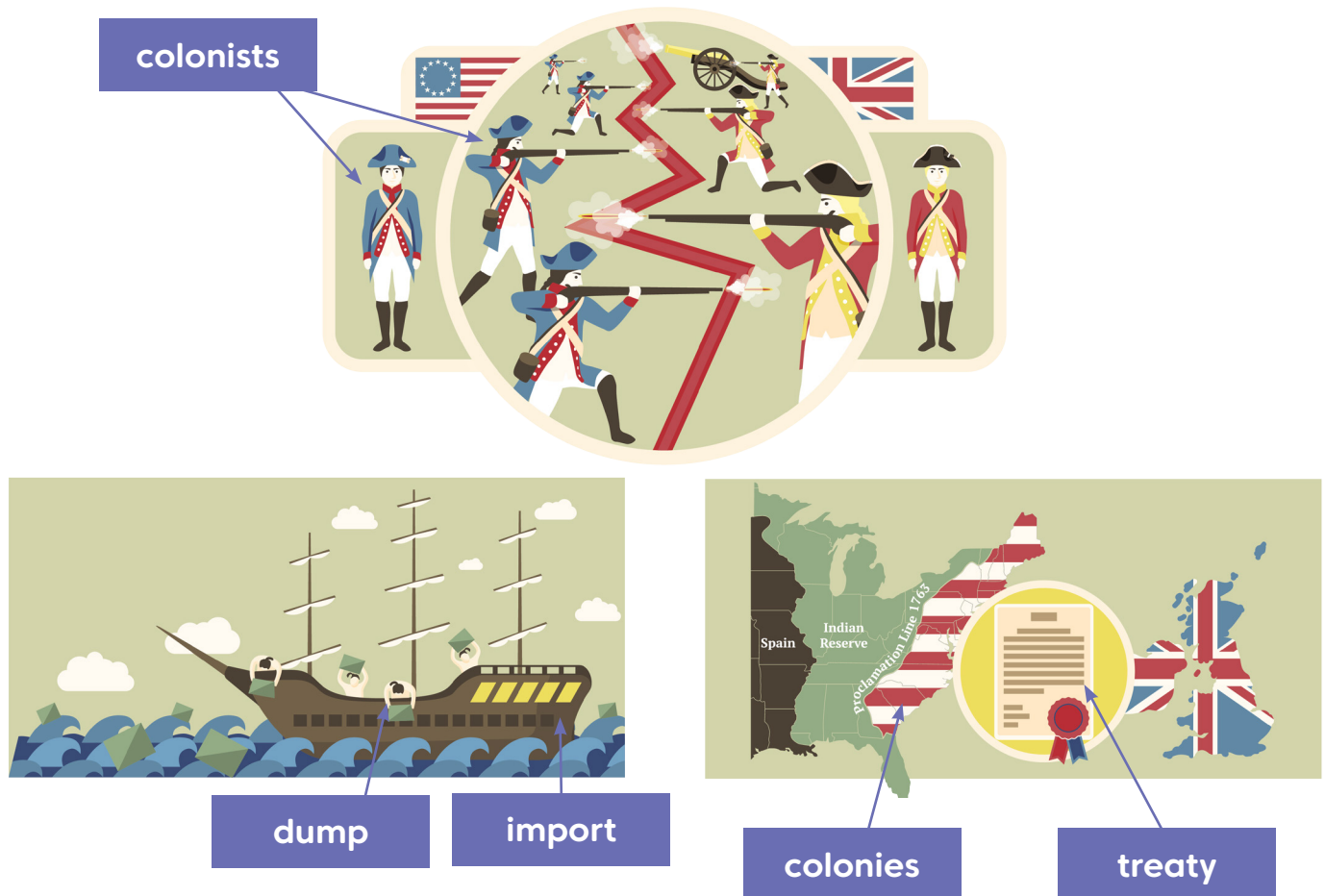
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What did England control in the new land?
2. Who were the people in America that were taxed for the tea?
3. What did people do with all the boxes of tea?
4. What did the colonists and British sign after the war?

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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• a. dock

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• b. harbor

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• c. costly

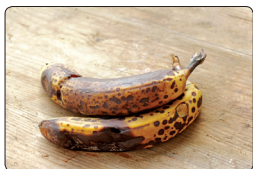
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• d. decade

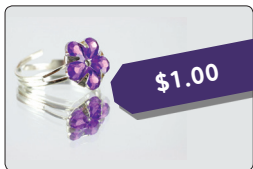
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• e. silk

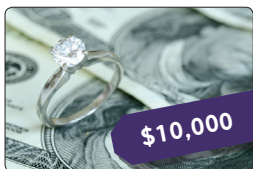
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• f. rot

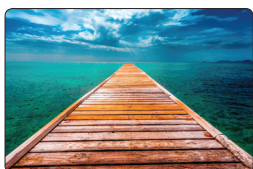
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• g. drug

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• h. affordable

B Write the word for each definition.

unload

black market

trade

protest

opium

1. _____ the activity of buying and selling, or exchanging, goods between people or countries
2. _____ to show that you disagree with something by shouting, carrying signs, etc.
3. _____ a very strong drug with bad side effects
4. _____ illegal trading of goods that are not allowed to be bought and sold
5. _____ to remove cargo or freight

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. The British used opium to purchase things from the Chinese.
a. silk b. drugs c. docks d. goods
2. Because it was harmful, the Chinese government made opium against the law.
a. affordable b. illegal c. costly d. addictive
3. The colonists chose to throw away the tea that the British brought to the port.
a. protest b. unload c. dump d. import
4. The colonists challenged and disagreed with the extra tax on tea by the British.
a. protested b. trade c. import d. dump

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

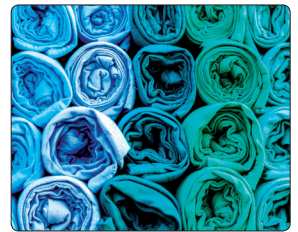
- a. The British used the sale of opium to buy Chinese silk.
- b. The American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) was a fight between Great Britain and the colonists.
- c. During the Boston Tea Party, colonists dumped tea into the water.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. In the 18th century, where did many British people choose to move?
 - a. China
 - b. Europe
 - c. The American Colonies
 - d. Both a and c
2. Who decided that the ships could stay in the harbor and unload the tea in Boston?
 - a. Soldiers
 - b. The governor
 - c. The king
 - d. The tea company
3. What started out as a medicinal drug and then became an addictive substance?
 - a. Opium
 - b. Porcelain
 - c. Silver
 - d. Both b and c

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

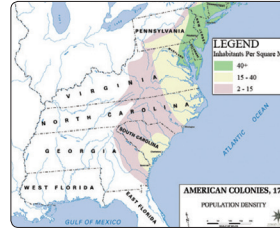
- a. Hong Kong in the 1840s
- b. The population of the American colonies
- c. The First Opium War
- d. A tea picker in India
- e. Plants used to make opium



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ In the 20th century, the British sent ships with tea to the American Colonies.
2. _____ The colonists had total political power in the British Parliament.
3. _____ People started smoking opium in the 19th century in China.
4. _____ Before China began trading in opium, it only accepted silver as payment for its tea.
5. _____ China did not sign the “unequal treaties” to end the Second Opium War.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. In Boston, ships full of tea were left on the dock to _____.

unload rot
2. A peace _____ was signed between the colonists and Great Britain to create the United States.

trade treaty
3. Once people began smoking opium, it became a dangerous _____.

drug medicine
4. The British bought Chinese goods such as porcelain, _____, and tea to sell in Europe.

decades silk
5. After the First Opium War, China agreed to open up five Chinese _____ to the British.

colonies ports

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ The Americans declared themselves free with the Declaration of Independence.
- b. _____ During the Boston Tea Party, 340 chests of tea were dumped into the Boston harbor.
- c. _____ The Chinese destroyed over 20,000 chests of opium owned by the British.
- d. _____ The American Revolutionary War began.
- e. _____ The Second Opium War in 1856 was started by the British.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
The _____ _____ dressed up like American Indians and dumped tea into the Boston harbor.	China only accepted silver as payment for its _____, so the British could not afford to buy Chinese tea.	In September of _____, the East India Company sent ships loaded with tea to the American colonies.	In the 18th century, Britain controlled a lot of the world's land, population, and trade, but _____ was even more powerful.	The British wanted to buy Chinese tea, and _____ made tea affordable for the British to buy.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

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Now I also know _____

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