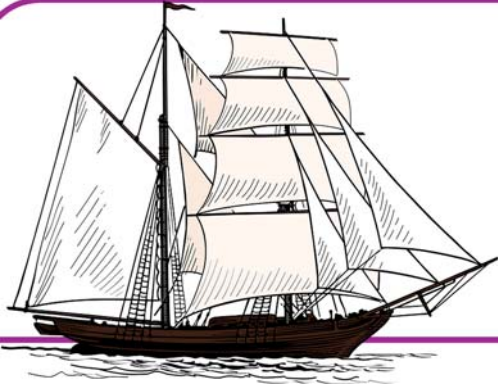


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## Brewing Rebellion

**Directions:** Read the passage about the Boston Tea Party. Then, answer the question that follows by making an inference about why the colonists felt both angry and determined. Use clues from the passage to support your answer.

On a cold December night in 1773, a group of colonists disguised themselves as Native Americans and quietly climbed aboard ships in Boston Harbor. The ships were loaded with tea sent from Britain. The colonists had already protested many unfair taxes, but the British government refused to listen. Determined to make their message clear, they dumped hundreds of chests of tea into the dark water below. As the tea leaves drifted on the waves, a new spirit of unity began to grow among the colonists. They knew this act would bring trouble—but also hope for freedom.

**Question:** Why do you think the colonists felt both angry and determined during the Boston Tea Party?

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