

Fairness And Authority Answer Key

1. The port of Boston was closed, and no goods could be traded until the colonists paid for the destroyed tea.
2. Britain wanted to punish the colonists for their protest and discourage further rebellion.
3. Merchants and dock workers lost income since no ships could come or go; the city's economy suffered.
4. Answers may vary. Example: "Unfair, because it punished everyone in Boston, not just the people who dumped the tea."
5. It shows that Britain had strong control over the colonies and could pass harsh laws without colonial approval.

Teacher's Guide

- Before reading, review the **Intolerable Acts** as Britain's response to colonial resistance.
- Encourage students to highlight key phrases showing government control or punishment.
- **Differentiation:**
 - Provide vocabulary support for terms like "merchandise," "restitution," and "inhabitants."
 - Allow advanced learners to compare this act to other Intolerable Acts (e.g., the Quartering Act).
- **Engagement idea:** Have students role-play as Boston citizens reacting to the port's closure - merchants, dockworkers, or Patriots.
- **Extension activity:** Students write a short letter from a Boston resident to Parliament arguing whether the act was fair or unjust, supporting their argument with evidence from the excerpt.