

Guiding Question: Why did protests against the British colonial government break out in Boston in the early 1770s?

Mission Reflection

After completing the Prologue & Part 1, review decisions from the **Decision Tracker** and discuss the questions below:

1. Nat has left his family's farm, and must make his own way working in a strange city. What does he feel nervous or scared about? What is he excited about?
2. What is Nat's life like as an apprentice to Mr. Edes? What challenges or success does he experience?
3. Some people in Boston are talking about challenging the King's taxes and disobeying his troops. How do you think Nat feels about this challenge to authority? Why?

Time: 10–15 minutes

Instructions

Take 5 minutes to have students use these questions to reflect on their game play, individually or in small groups.

In a 10-minute discussion, ask students to describe their experiences adjusting to life as an apprentice in Boston and the choices they made. Ask students to share a range of hopes and worries that they wrote down.

Encourage students to think about their own hopes and worries (e.g., being in a new place with new people, and not knowing how to navigate it.) How do these feelings help them understand Nat's experiences?

Additional optional discussion questions:

- Which terms in Nat's contract did you choose to negotiate? What was the result?
- How many of you spoke to Loyalists and Redcoats? What did you learn from them?
- How hard did you try to find news about your brother Christopher? Who did you have to talk to?
- What are the different perspectives you encountered during your day in Boston? Did any of them surprise you?
- What are some reasons that people might rebel against their government?