

# Exit Ticket Answer Key

## Exit Questions

1. Which of the following is an argument a *Loyalist* might have made to defend the Townshend Acts?
  - a) It is unjust to tax the colonists because they do not have representation in Parliament.
  - b) Parliament's taxes are fair, because they help pay England's debt for the recent war with France, fought partly to protect the American colonies).**
  - c) It will now be easier to sell Liberty tea and homespun in the colonies.
  - d) All of the above.

**Answer explanation:** In 1763, at the end of a long and costly global war with France called the Seven Years' War, England had accrued a national debt of 123 million pounds. In order to pay this debt, Parliament passed a series of acts to collect revenue from the American colonies. Among these were the Townshend Acts, passed in 1767. Many colonists joined the Patriot cause in protest. Loyalists supported the acts to protect their business interests or because they thought the taxes were justified.

2. Why did the Boston Gazette publish a list of importers?
  - a) To help bring business to merchants in Boston who sold goods made in England.
  - b) Because importers were smuggling goods into the colonies to avoid paying taxes.
  - c) So that people knew where to buy Liberty tea.
  - d) So that Patriots knew which businesses to avoid for not joining the boycott of English goods.**

**Answer explanation:** Benjamin Edes and his partner John Gill, printers of the *Gazette*, helped support Patriot protests against the Crown's tax laws by publishing the names of every merchant who refused to sign the non-importation agreement on the front page of their paper. The list identified 12 merchants, including Theophilus Lillie, as "Enemies of their Country" and described the location of each shop so that townspeople would know which stores to avoid.

3. Nat encounters an unruly crowd in the North End while running his errands for Mrs. Edes. Why was the crowd there?
  - a) To celebrate Paul Revere's birthday.
  - b) To harass the Redcoats standing guard at the customs house.
  - c) To seize the indigo Mr. Bernard had shipped to Massachusetts from South Carolina.
  - d) To protest and threaten Constance's uncle, Theophilus Lillie, because he imports goods from England.**

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**Answer explanation:** Theophilus Lillie is a loyalist who does not follow the Patriot's non-importation agreement in response to the Townshend Acts. As players speak with either Royce or Constance, they learn that the purpose of the crowd is to harass and intimidate the Lillies.

4. Who was Christopher Seider?

- a) **An 11-year-old boy who was shot and killed by a British customs officer.**
- b) The Royal Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1770.
- c) A leader of the Sons of Liberty who put a sign that said "IMPORTER" on Theophilus Lillie's shop, causing a crowd to form.
- d) A British customs inspector who was caught by Patriots selling seized goods and pocketing the money.

**Answer explanation:** On February 22, 1770, 11-year-old Christopher Seider joined an unruly crowd of young people that formed outside Loyalist Theophilus Lillie's shop after someone had posted a sign reading "IMPORTER" in front. After having a confrontation with the crowd, a British customs agent went to his nearby home, retrieved his gun, and fired into the crowd. Seider and two other boys were shot, and Seider died.

5. What happened at the Liberty Tree?

- a) The Redcoats erected watchtowers to keep an eye on unruly Patriots.
- b) Smugglers sold their goods in the middle of the night.
- c) **Patriots posted broadsides and gathered in protest against British rule.**
- d) It was where the Royal Governor announced the end of slavery in Massachusetts.

**Answer explanation:** The Liberty Tree was an elm tree near Boston Common that served as a rallying place for Patriot protests against British rule. They posted broadsides and held protests there. Unruly Patriots mobs tarred and feathered some Loyalists at the Liberty Tree and hanged others in effigy there.