

SAMPLE FIELD TRIP

<p>I traveled back in time to the year 1770 and the city of Boston when Americans first started to resist the high tea taxes (sic) British Parliament imposed. The colonists started drinking smuggled tea at low prices from the Dutch as a way to save money. Over the next three years British sales had dropped twenty percent. Parliament passed the Tea Act in 1773 due to the fact that its warehouses were still filled with unsold tea—see link to the Tea Act as a primary document below.</p>	<p>Note—there is a clear introduction and a note of the time, 1770, which in this case matches the course timeline—be sure your topic matches the course timeline of your course. Also note the reference to the primary document.</p>
<p>The British believed that if they were to sell their tea at cheap prices then the colonists would willingly pay the high taxes. However, the colonists refused the offer the British presented. They felt it was a bribe to return to the high tea taxes. A cargo of Darjeeling tea aboard the ship Dartmouth arrived in Boston Harbor on the twenty eighth of November. Samuel Adams and other radicals with their mobs walked around the town at night challenging the British authorities. Two other ships the Beaver and Eleanor with more consignments from the East India Trading Company arrived as well. On December 16th Samuel Adams and other colonists addressed several thousand people and he ended his speech with “This meeting can do nothing more to save the country.” When a group of about fifty men heard that speech they decided to disguise themselves as Mohawk Indians to dump the tea into the harbor. They went to the Griffin Wharves and threw 342 chests into the harbor. The tea was worth 15,000 pounds though no other property was touched. The Five Intolerable Acts were passed in 1774 by parliament which closed the port until all of the tea was payed (sic) for. Their stunt ultimately led patriots and loyalists to become more ardent about their views.</p>	<p>Here is a good one paragraph description—this is longer than absolutely need, but you need 4-6 sentences. Also note there some mis-spellings etc, try to use spell check and keep a Microsoft word copy.</p>
<p>I found my information at these websites:</p>	
<p>http://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h646.html A primary document for the Tea Act can be found at http://teachingamericanhistory.org/library/index.asp?document=2439</p>	<p>Good sources; and for the field trip, the url is OK; but for the Journal you will need to full citation.</p>