

The article below is a first draft Janelle wrote for her teacher. The article contains errors. Read the article to answer the following questions.

The Boston Tea Party

(1) In 1773 American colonists hated the new tax laws regarding imported British tea. (2) Tea is an important drink for British people. (3) It is also important for people in China, India, and other countries. (4) The American Colonists loved tea, too, but they thought they were being taxed unfairly. (5) One, then another, and then another ship from the British East India Company arrived to deliver tea. (6) The colonists wanted to send it back to England. (7) The governor insisted they pay the taxes. (8) There was a deadline. (9) The colonists had to pay the taxes after 20 days. (10) On the last night, the colonists gathered at the Old South Meetinghouse. (11) It was a big building. (12) The protesters dressed like Mohawk Indians to disguise themselves. (13) They carried tools. (14) They snuck onto the three ships, broke open the tea crates, and threw the tea in the harbor. (15) They dumped over 90,000 pounds of tea. (16) It would be worth \$1,700,000 today. (17) The tea in the harbor stunk. (18) The authorities were mad. (19) They closed Boston Harbor. (20) It was closed until the tea was paid for. (21) Some People say that the Boston Tea Party led directly to the American Revolution.

Refer to preceding article to answer the questions.

1. Which sentence contains a detail that is unimportant to the story?

a. sentence (1) b. sentence (3) c. sentence (15) d. sentence (20)

2. The author wants to add the following sentence:

The colonists decided to boycott tea to make a point about the taxes.

Where could this sentence be added to help us understand the actions of the colonists?

a. after sentence (1) b. after sentence (4) c. after sentence (12) d. after sentence (18)

3. Clarify sentence (6) by choosing the best word to replace the pronoun "it."

a. the government b. the taxes c. the ship d. the tea

4. Choose the best topic sentence for the final paragraph.

- a. No one could ignore the impact of the colonists' actions.
- b. The next day was a bad one.
- c. The colonists were excited, but scared after their act of disobedience.
- d. The action started a war immediately.