



English Department.

## English Handout

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Obj: To comprehend specific and general information in written texts.

### Trending topics

#### History tours in BOSTON!

Boston is in the north-east of the U.S., in an area called New England. It is very important in U.S. history because the American Revolution started there.

The first Europeans arrived in Boston from the U.K. in 1620, and built the town in 1630. Boston soon became an important trading center. In those days, Americans were British citizens and paid taxes to the U.K. But many Americans were against these taxes. In 1773, some British ships carrying tea arrived in Boston. The citizens decided not to pay the tax on the tea. Instead, they threw the tea into the ocean. This event is called the Boston Tea Party and helped start the American Revolution. The U.S. eventually became independent from the U.K. in 1783. Every year, Bostonians celebrate the Tea Party on December 16<sup>th</sup>. They wear 18<sup>th</sup>-century clothes and throw tea into the ocean.

Because of Boston's history and importance, there are some fascinating city tours such as the Tea Party Tour—a great experience for tourists, young and old. You can even throw some tea into the ocean!

### Reading and writing competences

#### Visitors' comments

Great fun, but freezing cold! ★★★★★

We went on a Tea Party Tour last December. The tour started at The Old South Meeting House at two o'clock. A strange man arrived. His clothes were from about 300 years ago—an old black hat and funny short pants. He was our tour guide! We walked to the harbor and he told us about the American Revolution and why the Tea Party was important. My sister thought it was a real tea party, and she asked some silly questions! Next, we visited an old ship in the harbor. After that, we threw big boxes of tea into the ocean—and at other people. Finally, we bought some tea for my grandparents. It was great fun!

Jack Lipton, Newport, Rhode Island

#### Check it out!

Find these words and check their meaning.

trading citizens taxes harbor

#### Culture focus

Boston is a great city if you enjoy walking tours. The Freedom Trail is a 4 km walk around the city's most historic sites, including Faneuil Hall, often referred to as "the home of free speech."

### Reading

1 **Read and listen** to the web page. Choose the correct answers.

1 Boston is a city in the ... of the U.S.  
a south-east    c north-east  
b north    d east

2 Europeans created the town of Boston in  
a 1620.    b 1630.    c 1773.    d 1783.

3 The Boston Tea Party took place in  
a 1620.    b 1630.    c 1773.    d 1783.

4 Before ..., Americans were British citizens.  
a 1620    b 1630    c 1773    d 1783

2 Complete the text with information about the tour Jack went on.

The Tea Party Tour of Boston is very popular with tourists. The tour takes place every afternoon at 2 p.m. It departs from The Old South Meeting House, a famous place in Boston. The tour guide wears an old black hat and strange short pants. You walk down to the harbor, and the guide tells you the history of the American Revolution and the importance of the Tea Party. In the harbor, you visit an amazing old ship. Then you throw big boxes of tea into the ocean—just like the citizens of Boston did 300 years ago.

3 Do you like visiting historical places? Why? / Why not?

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