

Take this 15 question quiz to see how much you know about the American Revolution.
Quiz 2 pairs with Issue 2 of the Revolution Minute.

57 points

1. Who was Charles Townshend? 4 points

- a. Prime Minister of England
- b. Chancellor of England
- c. Governor of Massachusetts
- d. British customs official

2. What was the job of a British Customs Official? 4 points

- a. Create new laws
- b. Keep law and order
- c. Collect taxes
- d. Uphold the curfew

3. Who wrote the "Massachusetts Circular Letter" with Samuel Adams? 4 points

- a. John Hancock
- b. John Adams
- c. John Dickinson
- d. James Otis Jr.

4. What was the result of the "Massachusetts Circular Letter"? 3 points

- a. The king issued a new tax.
- b. The king sent soldiers to quiet the unrest.
- c. Samuel Adams and his co-author were arrested.

5. British customs officials were suspicious that John Hancock was smuggling what kind of goods? 4 points

- a. Wine
- b. Textiles
- c. Tea
- d. Glass

6. What title is used to describe Samuel Adams? 2 points

- a. "Father of his country"
- b. "Father of the American Revolution"

7. Who was the first person to put his signature on the Declaration of Independence? 4 points

- a. John Hancock
- b. George Washington
- c. John Adams
- d. Samuel Adams

8. What was Samuel Adam's first successful job? 4 points

- a. Lawyer
- b. Merchant
- c. Brewer
- d. Tax collector

9. What was Crispus Attucks' alias (fake name)? 4 points

- a. Joseph Warren
- b. Samuel Prescott
- c. Michael Johnson
- d. John Dickinson

10. How many people died as a result of the Boston Massacre? 4 points

- a. Eight
- b. Five
- c. Three
- d. Seven

11. What was the name of John Hancock's ship that was seized and searched without a warrant? 4 points

- a. Dartmouth
- b. Liberty
- c. USS Hancock
- d. Beaver

12. How many British soldiers were prosecuted because of the Boston Massacre? 4 points

- a. Nine
- b. Seven
- c. Ten
- d. Five

13. What major event took place on December 16, 1773? 4 points

- a. The Boston Massacre
- b. The Liberty Affair
- c. The Burning of the Gaspee
- d. The Boston Tea Party

14. During the Boston Tea Party, how did the Sons of Liberty conceal themselves? 4 points

- a. They dressed up as redcoat soldiers.
- b. They dressed up as Mohawk Indians.
- c. They dressed up as French soldiers.
- d. They snuck down to the harbor in small groups.

15. Who was the original artist of the "The Bloody Massacre in King Street" painting? 4 points

- a. John Adams
- b. John Dickinson
- c. Paul Revere
- d. Henry Pelham

Answer Key

57 points

1.b

Charles Townshend was the Chancellor of England. He was in charge of the British treasury and economic affairs.

2.c

British Customs Officials were in charge of collecting taxes, as well as enforcing trade laws ordered by the king.

3.d

James Otis Jr. was the co-author of the "Massachusetts Circular Letter".

4.b

The "Massachusetts Circular Letter" stirred the people to become angry with the King's rulings. As a result, King George III sent soldiers to Boston to quiet the unrest. He did not want to allow the rebellion that occurred during The Stamp Act to happen again.

5.a

British Customs Officials searched John Hancock's ship under the suspicion that he was smuggling wine. There was no evidence that he was in fact smuggling wine; however, the amount of wine accounted for on the ship was suspiciously small compared to the size of the ship. Some people assume that John Hancock had the merchandise secretly removed during the night so it did not get taxed.

6.b

Samuel Adams is often referred to as the "Father of the American Revolution". He never once wavered in his advocacy of complete emancipation from Britain's control. Even near the beginning of the colonies' struggles with the crown, he held strongly to the conviction that the colonies should seek freedom from Britain, not reconciliation. He remained a vocal, active leader throughout the war.

7.a

John Hancock was the first man to write his signature on the Declaration of Independence, in large, prominent letters.

8.d

Samuel Adams was unsuccessful at several business ventures until he was elected as a Massachusetts tax collector.

9.c

Crispus Attucks went by the alia Michael Johnson during his days as a sailor. Many assume it was because he was a runaway slave and wanted to remain hidden.

Answer Key

10. **b**

Five people died as a result of the Boston Massacre. Three died at the scene and two died later from their wounds.

11. **b**

John Hancock's ship, The Liberty, was searched without a warrant for smuggled wine. This event is known as The Liberty Affair and was a major event that ultimately led to the war.

12. **a**

Nine soldiers were prosecuted because of The Boston Massacre. Two were found guilty. The other seven were acquitted. John Adams represented them in court, as he strongly believed every man deserved a fair trial

13. **d**

The Boston Tea Party occurred on December 16, 1773.

14. **b**

They dressed up as Mohawk Indians so that they would not be recognized and arrested.

15. **d**

Henry Pelham was the original artist of "The Bloody Massacre in King Street". His design was copied by Paul Revere, who now receives the credit.