1. Why could the American colonist never hope to move up socially?

2. Why did the British Parliament feel that the American colonist should pay taxes?

3. Explain the Stamp Act?

4. Why was there so much resentment towards the Stamp Act?

5. Who was Boston’s “odd” couple? Why?

6. Describe Samuel Adams’ early life?

7. Describe Samuel Adams’ appearance?

8. What was the root of Samuel Adams opposition towards the British government?

9. Why were his writings so sad?

10. How did he do as tax collector?

11. Who rescued Samuel Adams when he got into financial trouble with the British government?

12. Who made up “the Sons of Liberty”?

13. What was John Hancock’s motivation for joining the Sons of Liberty?

14. How did John Hancock become rich?

15. Describe his behavior at Harvard?

16. What happened on board the Liberty?

18. What was the role of smuggling in New England?

19. Who did John Hancock get to represent him in the “Liberty” case? Why was this man nervous about representing John Hancock? What was the ruling?

20. Discuss John Adams’ personality?

21. What occupation did John Adams first consider? How did he work his way through college?
22. What is a derogatory term for British soldiers?

23. How did the first shot occur during the Boston Massacre? How many were killed?

24. Whose idea was it for Paul Revere to engrave “The Boston Massacre”?

25. How was John Adams treated while representing the soldiers?

26. How did he feel about mobs? How did he use this for a defense? What were the results? Later in life, how did John Adams view his role in the trial?

27. What was the tea tax?

28. What was the irony behind the boycott?

29. Who had a monopoly on tea?

30. What code did Samuel Adams use at the town meeting signal the Boston Tea Party?

31. How much tea was destroyed?

32. What did the king do to the Boston port? What was the effect?