

(54) The Boston Massacre

Podcast Length: 15:28
Character Value: Acceptance
Health Message: Peer pressure

Introduction

Today's Walking Classroom podcast focuses on the Boston Massacre, when five American colonists were killed in 1770 after an angry interaction with British soldiers. The massacre further united American colonists against the British and built support for the American Revolution.

Discussion

- 1. What were some of the big ideas of this podcast?**
 - ✓ *The Boston Massacre is an example of a historical event that can be seen in very different ways, depending on your perspective.*
 - ✓ *The Boston Massacre was the end result of a long series of acts by the British Parliament that the American colonies saw as extremely unfair.*
 - ✓ *The Boston Massacre helped unify American colonists against the British and build support for the American Revolution.*
- 2. How did Paul Revere's depiction of the Boston Massacre shape American colonists' attitudes toward the British?**
 - ✓ *Revere's drawing made it seem like the British soldiers had shot and killed defenseless colonists.*
- 3. Many people argue that acceptance helps people find happiness.**
 - a) How do you know when you should accept what someone tells you and when you should question it?**
 - ✓ *Suggestion: You should always question what people tell you, and do your own research to make sure that what was said is true.*
 - b) Do you think that the American colonists would have been happy if they had just accepted the conditions of British rule?**
 - ✓ *Allow students to share.*

Health Check

- 1. Saying "no" to your friends is a sign of weakness.**

A) True B) False
- 2. One way to avoid peer pressure is to stop hanging out with the people who are pressuring you to do things you know are wrong.**

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