



# History Riddles

**These are new words to practice.**

**Say each word 10 times.**

\* riddles

\* boarded

\* Boston

\* protesting

\* tea

\* Declaration of  
Independence

\* colonists

\* history

**Choose one new word to write.**

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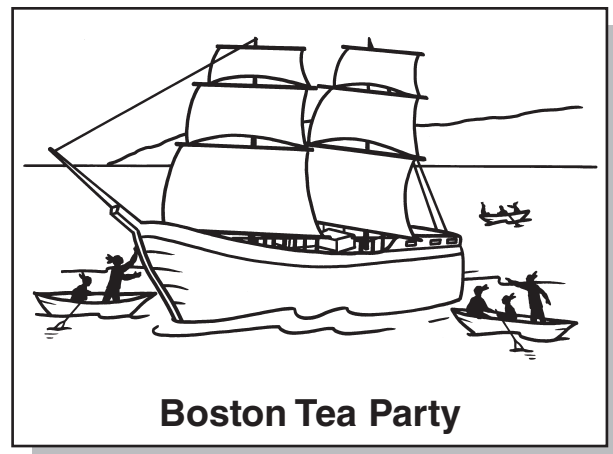
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Mrs. Ramos said, “I want the class to make up riddles. We learned about the Boston Tea Party. We learned how the colonists had to pay taxes to England. One of the taxes was on tea. In 1773, some colonists dressed up as Native Americans. They boarded three ships. The ships they boarded had tea. The colonists threw the tea overboard. They threw it into the Boston harbor. They were protesting the tax. I want riddles about the colonists protesting the tax.”

The class made up two riddles. One riddle was, “What kind of tea did the colonists dislike?” The second riddle was, “What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party?” The first answer is, “The ‘t’ in the word ‘tax.’” The second answer is, “Tea-shirts.”



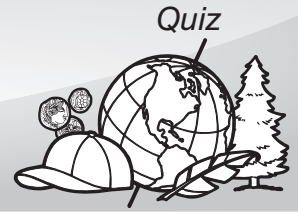
“The Declaration of Independence was written after the Boston Tea Party,” said Mrs. Ramos. “It was signed in 1776.

Okay, class. Can you make up some riddles? Can you?” The class made up two riddles. The first one was, “Where was the Declaration of Independence written?” The second one was, “Where did it get signed?” The answer to the first riddle is, “on a piece of paper.” The second answer is, “on the bottom.”

Mrs. Ramos said, “The American flag has fifty stars. There is one star for every state. It got its last star in 1959. This was when the United States got its last state. Hawaii was the last state. It has thirteen stripes. There is one stripe for each of the first thirteen colonies. These colonies were the first states. Can you make up a riddle about our flag?” The class made a new riddle. It was, “What does the American flag say when the president walks by?” The answer is, “Nothing. It just waves.”

Mrs. Ramos started to laugh. She said the class had made good riddles. She said, “I like your riddles. Your riddles have been about history. History is what happened in the past. Now, can you tell me what a history teacher likes to eat?” The class knew. They knew that a history teacher likes to eat dates!

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After reading the story, answer the questions.  
Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

- This story is mainly about
  - history
  - riddles a class made
  - the Boston Tea Party
  - a history teacher named Mrs. Ramos
- In the story, how many history dates did Mrs. Ramos say?
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
- Think about how the word *state* relates to *star*. What words relate in the same way?

**state : star**

  - eat : date
  - board : ship
  - history : past
  - colony : stripe
- Why did the colonists throw the tea overboard?
  - They disliked tea.
  - They wanted to eat it.
  - They were protesting the tax on it.
  - They wanted to dress up like Native Americans.
- From the story, you can tell that when the American flag had 30 stars,
  - the U.S. had 30 states
  - it was a bigger flag
  - it had stars on the bottom
  - it happened before the Boston Tea Party

# Answer Key



## The Most Dangerous Job

- 1. d      4. a
- 2. d      5. b
- 3. c

## Fly Off the Handle

- 1. c      4. d
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. a

## True Stories of Vaqueros—the First Cowboys

- 1. d      4. c
- 2. a      5. c
- 3. b

## And the Winner Is...

- 1. a      4. d
- 2. c      5. b
- 3. a

## Sister Fox and Brother Coyote

- 1. a      4. b
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. b

## Trouble with English

- 1. c      4. b
- 2. a      5. d
- 3. b

## The Petrified Giant

- 1. b      4. d
- 2. a      5. c
- 3. b

## Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!

- 1. c      4. b
- 2. d      5. d
- 3. c

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- 1. b      4. c
- 2. c      5. a
- 3. d

## If a State Sued a State

- 1. b      4. c
- 2. c      5. a
- 3. d

## What Was Red, and Why?

- 1. a      4. b
- 2. b      5. d
- 3. d

## Old Shoe, New Word

- 1. b      4. c
- 2. c      5. d
- 3. a

## The Wreck of the *Sea Venture*

- 1. b      4. a
- 2. c      5. d
- 3. d

## House Whys

- 1. b      4. b
- 2. d      5. c
- 3. c

## An Amazing Guide

- 1. a      4. a
- 2. c      5. d
- 3. c

## Around the World

- 1. c      4. c
- 2. a      5. b
- 3. b

## Checks and Balances

- 1. b      4. a
- 2. d      5. c
- 3. a

## How an Almanac Helped Lincoln

- 1. c      4. a
- 2. a      5. c
- 3. d

## Mountain Man

- 1. a      4. b
- 2. c      5. c
- 3. a

## Dogs to the Rescue!

- 1. c      4. c
- 2. d      5. b
- 3. d

## Why They Could Be Bigger

- 1. d      4. b
- 2. a      5. d
- 3. a

## The Odd Nature of South America

- 1. c      4. a
- 2. b      5. d
- 3. b

## How Hanging Up a Coat Made a Fortune

- 1. b      4. a
- 2. a      5. d
- 3. d

## Puritan Rebel

- 1. a      4. b
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. b

## Why a Nickel and Not Five Pennies?

- 1. d      4. a
- 2. a      5. b
- 3. c

## The Escape

- 1. c      4. d
- 2. b      5. d
- 3. b

## FEMA

- 1. c      4. d
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. b

## Adventures in Africa

- 1. b      4. d
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. a

## Gold Mountain!

- 1. d      4. c
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. a

## An Amazing Ride

- 1. b      4. d
- 2. a      5. b
- 3. a

## How a Small Man Did a Giant Thing

- 1. a      4. d
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. d

## What Came First?

- 1. d      4. c
- 2. d      5. b
- 3. b

## Citizen Test

- 1. d      4. c
- 2. d      5. c
- 3. b

## Talking Leaves

- 1. c      4. b
- 2. c      5. a
- 3. b

## About Presidents

- 1. d      4. a
- 2. a      5. c
- 3. c

## Judged by the Outside

- 1. a      4. b
- 2. d      5. a
- 3. c

## Benjamin Franklin and Hanging Together

- 1. c      4. a
- 2. a      5. b
- 3. b

## Harriet Tubman, Conductor on the Underground Railroad

- 1. d      4. c
- 2. d      5. b
- 3. c

## Why Katrina?

- 1. b      4. a
- 2. a      5. d
- 3. c

## Down the Mississippi

- 1. d      4. a
- 2. d      5. c
- 3. a

## Helping Mother Pass the Test

- 1. d      4. a
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. b

## The Peaceful Warrior

- 1. d      4. b
- 2. d      5. c
- 3. a

## A Story About the Declaration of Independence

- 1. c      4. b
- 2. d      5. b
- 3. d

## Code Talkers

- 1. c      4. d
- 2. b      5. c
- 3. b