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## Performance Assessment

### Comparing Differing Points of View of the Same Historical Event

*Purpose: Analyze three versions of the same event and note important similarities and differences in the points of view.*

**Directions:** You will analyze and write about a picture and two documents on an important event leading up to the American Revolution.

Step 1:

First study the picture below. Then answer the questions that follow.

PICTURE A:  
"The Bloody Massacre  
Perpetrated in King Street  
BOSTON on March 5<sup>th</sup>  
1770."  
Library of Congress



"Engraving Printed and Sold  
by Paul Revere,"  
March 28 1770.

This picture shows an important event in the American Revolution. Using your knowledge as an historian, answer the following questions:

1. What event does the picture show? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When did this event happen? \_\_\_\_\_

Who made the picture? When did they make it? Fill out the following chart.

3.	Who made the picture?	What date?
Picture A		

Next study DOCUMENT B below. Then fill out the chart that follows it.

**DOCUMENT B:**

Taken from a published statement by British Captain Thomas Preston, June 25, 1770.

I was between the soldiers and the mob, asking them to leave peaceably. While I was speaking, one of the soldiers was hit with a stick, then stepped a little on one side and fired. Turning to ask him why he fired without orders, I was struck with a club on my arm. On this, a general attack was made on the men by a great number of heavy clubs and snowballs. Our lives were in danger. Someone called out, "Damn your bloods. Why don't you fire". Instantly three or four of the soldiers fired, one after another, and then three more in the same confusion and hurry. The mob then ran away, except three unhappy men who died. When I asked the soldiers why they fired without orders, they said they heard the word fire and thought it came from me.

4.	Who made this statement?	What date did they make it?
Document B		

Now study DOCUMENT C below. Then fill out the chart that follows it.

**DOCUMENT C:**

Taken from "A Short Narrative of the Horrid Massacre in Boston. Printed by Order of the Town of Boston." Written by Sam Adams and his fellow Patriots, in July, 1770.

Captain Preston and seven or eight soldiers, with firearms and bayonets, came from the guardhouse, and stood in front of the Custom House. In passing, the soldiers pushed several persons with their bayonets. This caused some snowballs to be thrown at them. The soldiers formed a half circle; and within a short time began to fire upon the people. Captain Preston is said to have ordered them to fire, and to have repeated that order. One gun was fired first; then others till ten or a dozen guns were fired. By which eleven persons were killed or wounded.

5.	Who wrote this statement?	What date did they write it?
Document C		

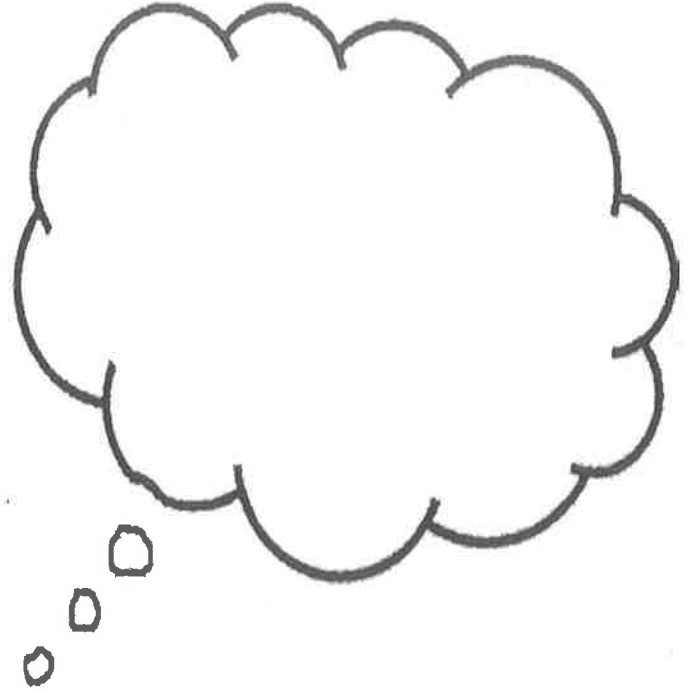


7. The documents come from different points of view, a British Royal Captain and a group of Colonial Patriots, including Sam Adams. Complete the chart below.



Based on your reading of Document B, what do you think the British Captain was thinking during this event? Write your answer in the thought bubble above.

What evidence from any of the three sources supports what you wrote in the thought bubble?



Based on your reading of Document C, what do you think the Patriots were thinking during this event? Write your answer in the thought bubble above.

What evidence from any of the three sources supports what you wrote in the thought bubble?

Step 3

8. You just read and compared two documents and a picture that present two points of view on why soldiers fired on Boston Colonists on March 5, 1770. Why do you think it is important to compare more than one source of historical evidence on the same event? Use examples to support your answer.

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