

Boston Massacre: Document Based Questions

Directions: Using the file titled “Boston Massacre” on my web page, analyze the two pieces of art depicting the events of March 5, 1770.

Answer each question with a **minimum** of two sentences.

The Bloody Massacre...

Engraving by Paul Revere



Primary Source: *The Bloody Massacre...* by Paul Revere

Based on this engraving, who looks like the victims, the British soldiers or the American colonists? Explain.

How would you describe the behavior and actions of the crowd?

How would you describe the behavior and actions of the British soldiers?

Paul Revere, an American, made this engraving. Why is this important information when interpreting this piece of art?



The Boston Massacre

by Unknown

Source 2: *The Boston Massacre* by Unknown

Based on this piece of art, who looks like the victims, the British soldiers or the American colonists? Explain.

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How would you describe the behavior and actions of the British soldiers?

Since the artist is unknown, we don't know if they may be bias. What important facts about the artist would be important to you to know when considering this piece of art?