



Boston Port Act Primary Source Questions - Teacher Answer Key

1. What was the Boston Port Act issued in response to? What do you think was the purpose of the Act?

- The Boston Tea Party and other insurrections in the town of Boston. Its purpose was to punish the people in Boston for their insurrections.

2. What was the punishment for attempting to use the Boston Port?

- Using the Port illegally resulted in forfeiture of the goods that someone attempted to transport, the boat they attempted to use, and any other merchandise on the boat.

3. Who would be punished in instances of bribery attempts to work around the Port Act? What was the punishment?

- Colonial officials who gave into bribes or assisted colonists in using the port as well as any colonists who attempted to bribe officials would be fined.