

Your Goal: Solve this case and determine whether the British soldiers murdered the American colonists or whether the entire incident was an accident that happened in self defense?

DO FIRST - EVERYBODY: As you watch the Video:

- What time of day was it?
- What time of year was it?
- What are the people yelling?
- Why did John Adams run to the water pump?



Source A: **Captain Preston is a British Army Officer

Close Reading

1. Look through the text. Identify words that contain emotion or opinion.
2. What claim is the author making? Does Captain Preston believe the "massacre" was an accident or murder?

Sourcing

1. What evidence does Captain Preston present to back his/her claim?
2. What is the document about? Write a two sentence summary.

Contextualization

1. Take into consideration where and when this document was created. What was happening historically at the time?
2. Consider the author. What was their role at the time? How were they connected to the events their describing?
3. How might the author's role give them a perspective on daily life and events of the time?

Source B ***Andrew is a slave living in Boston that was an eyewitness of the event.

1. Look through the text. Identify words that contain emotion or opinion.
2. What claim is the author making? Does Andrew believe the "massacre" was an accident or murder?

Sourcing

1. What evidence does Andrew present to back his/her claim?
2. What is the document about? Write a two sentence summary.

Contextualization

1. Take into consideration where and when this document was created. What was happening historically at the time?
2. Consider the author. What was their role at the time? How were they connected to the events their describing? [There is little known about him, but click here for a little information.](#)
3. How might the author's role give them a perspective on daily life and events of the time?

Source C

Look through the text. Identify words that contain emotion or opinion.

What claim is the author making? Does George Sanderlin believe the "massacre" was an accident or murder?

What evidence does George Sanderlin present to back his/her claim? What

is the document about? Write a two sentence summary.

Take into consideration where and when this document was created. What was happening historically at the time?

Consider the author. What was their role at the time?

(This is located in the reading) How were they connected to the events their describing? How

might the author's role give them a perspective on daily life and events of the time?

Source D: William Wyat is testifying his account of the incident. He lives in Salem, MA outside of Boston.

Close Reading

1. Look through the text. Identify words that contain emotion or opinion.
2. What claim is the author making? Does William Wyatt believe the "massacre" was an accident or murder?

Sourcing

1. What evidence does William Wyatt present to back his/her claim?
2. What is the document about? Write a two sentence summary.

Contextualization

1. Take into consideration where and when this document was created. What was happening historically at the time?
2. Consider the author. What was their role at the time? (This is located in the reading) How were they connected to the events their describing?
3. How might the author's role give them a perspective on daily life and events of the time?

Exhibit E - Image

Study the Artwork

1. What do you see in the picture?
2. Does the artist use color in an interesting way? What colors do you see?

Sourcing

1. Who is the creator of the image?
2. When was the picture created?

Contextualization

1. What is the picture about? Write a two sentence summary.
2. Take into consideration where and when this picture was created. What was happening historically at the time?
3. Why did the artist create this image?

Exhibit F & G - Image (same questions as Exhibit E)

Study the Artwork

1. What do you see in the picture?
2. Does the artist use color in an interesting way? What colors do you see?

Sourcing

1. Who is the creator of the image?
2. When was the picture created?

Contextualization

1. What is the picture about? Write a two sentence summary.
2. Take into consideration where and when this picture was created. What was happening historically at the time?
3. Why did the artist create this image?

The Bloody Massacre