

The Boston Coffee Party

1. Why were the women and girls sewing shirts?
2. What message would you stitch into a shirt?
3. Why were the women so mad at Merchant Thomas?
4. Why do the women want to tell everyone not to buy from Merchant Thomas? What do they hope will happen?
5. Why did Merchant Thomas lock all of his coffee in a warehouse, instead of selling it?
6. How did the *Boston Coffee Party* compare with the *Boston Tea Party*? Describe the things that were the same and those that were different.
7. Why did the women think it was okay to take the coffee without paying for it?
8. Explain the meaning of: sewing party; greedy; shilling; warehouse; cobblestone; the word "quarter" in the quote from Abigail Adams' in *The Author's Note*.