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# Reading for Understanding

## ▶ Key Ideas

### BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

Colonists saw British efforts to increase control over the colonies as violations of their rights.

### NOW YOU WILL LEARN

Many colonists organized to oppose British policies.

## ▶ Vocabulary

### TERMS & NAMES

**Crispus Attucks** sailor of African-American and Native American ancestry who died at the Boston Massacre

**Boston Massacre** incident in 1770 in which British troops fired on and killed American colonists

**Townshend Acts** acts passed by Parliament in 1767 to tax imports in the colonies

**writs of assistance** search warrants used to enter homes or businesses to search for smuggled goods

**Daughters of Liberty** organization of colonial women formed to protest British policies

**Samuel Adams** leader of the Boston Sons of Liberty

**committee of correspondence** organization formed to exchange information about British policies and American resistance

**Boston Tea Party** incident in 1773, when colonists protested British policies by boarding British ships and throwing their cargoes of tea overboard

### BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

**duties** taxes placed on imported goods

### REVIEW

**John Adams** lawyer who defended British soldiers accused of murder in the Boston Massacre

## ▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, use the boxes to record how each aspect of the Townshend Acts angered the colonists.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R7.



### CAUSES AND EFFECTS

Townshend Acts...	anger colonists because...
writs of assistance	<i>customs officials invaded their homes and businesses</i>
duties on imports	



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