

The Boston Massacre

Observe this depiction, read the information about the image, and then answer the questions below.



In March of 1770, a group of Colonists were petitioning numerous taxes and other actions that England had taken toward the 13 Colonies. The Colonists were being very antagonistic and aggressive with the British soldiers located in Boston. As tension mounted, British soldiers fired into a crowd and killed five people. Paul Revere created this picture to bring attention to the event.

1. The English soldiers are to the right in this picture. How did Paul Revere want the observer of this image to view the Colonists, pictured to the left? How did he want you to view the activities, attitudes, and moral character of the British soldiers in this picture? Explain.

2. Why do you think Paul Revere created an image of this event? Why didn't he just write a newspaper article? Explain.
