

Boston Massacre

March 5,
1770

- Boston had been the center of conflict between colonists and the British Government in the years following the Seven Year's War(French and Indian War).
- By 1770 the British had stationed more than 4,000 troops in Boston to maintain order. At the time Boston had a population of about 15,000

- Residents of Boston were upset by the presence of British soldiers, and there were frequent confrontations between the British soldiers and the colonists.
- On February 22, 1770, an 11-year-old boy, Christopher Seider, was shot and killed by a British customs official during a protest. Bostonians were outraged and his death was widely publicized.