



Crispus Attucks: Part 2

Critical Thinking & Discussion Questions

Did you already know that the first person killed in the fight for American liberty was a person of color? Or was this new information for you?

What are some ways that historians use to collect information about someone from this time period?

What is a primary source? Do we have any primary sources on Attucks's life?

Does your family have any artifacts from any of your ancestors or relatives who have passed on? What are some examples? What is the oldest artifact of the earliest born relative in your family?

What artifacts already exist of your life so far? What story might they tell of your life, if a historian examined them in the future?

What is the difference between a primary and secondary source? What are primary sources about your life? What would be a secondary source about you and your life?

How does history differ from memory? When does a memory become history?

Are there any family stories of ancestors lives that you've been told? Do you think the stories are 100% accurate? How could you find out?

What do you think of the strategy of using the story of Crispus Attucks to argue for abolition and equal rights?