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A Series of Events: The Boston Tea Party

Sequence is the order in which something is done. Use time order words to help you understand the order of events. Some examples include:

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• **first, second, third**   • **before, after, next**
•**then, later, soon after**   • **last, finally, eventually**

Directions: Read the passage below.

The Boston Tea Party

Think about a tea party. What do you think of when you hear those words? You probably imagine a little gathering where friends pretend to drink tea and eat sweets. In 1773, a "tea party" took place in Boston that was not quite what you might imagine.

It all began when the king of Britain put extra taxes on the colonists. His name was King George III. The taxes made things more expensive for the colonists. For example, he put a Stamp Tax on certain documents, like newspapers. The colonists were frustrated because they were not given a say in the way that Parliament made decisions. They didn't mind the taxes. They just did not want King George III to take away their freedom.

The unfair taxes continued when the Tea Tax was created. Parliament decided that only one company was allowed to sell tea to the colonists. They did not like that they were told where they had to buy their tea.

After that, a group of colonists led by Samuel Adams, got together and made a plan. This group was called the Sons of Liberty. They wanted to show Parliament how they felt about the Tea Act. On the night of December 16, 1773, they took action.

First, they dressed up as Native Americans. This gave them a disguise. Next, they boarded ships in the Boston Harbor. While on the ships, they dumped the tea into the water. This event is known as the Boston Tea Party.

After the Boston Tea Party, Parliament was very mad. They closed the Boston Harbor. They also made the American colonists pay for all the tea they dumped into the water. Parliament wanted to punish the colonists for their protests.

Directions: Complete the chart with details from the text that show the correct sequence of events.

First,

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Next,

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After that,

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Then,

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Finally,