**Five Paragraph Essay SAMPLE**

Header

**With parts identified.**

*Using the following historic writing prompt on the Boston Tea Party here is an essay with the parts identified.*

*PROMPT – After the Boston Tea Party, England’s King George said, “The die is now cast. The colonies must either submit or triumph.”*

*Writing assignment – Explain what you think King George meant by this statement*

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Title

Grabber or Hook for Introduction

Boston Tea Party

 Your parents have just given you an ultimatum – clean your room or no money to go see the new Star Wars movie at the theater. You really want to see the movie but cleaning your room is just too much work, so you don’t do it. Now what? Obviously you don’t get to go to the movie so you throw a temper tantrum but your Mother says your actions decided the results. This is just what happened after the Boston Tea Party. The colonists had the choice of following the King’s laws or being punished. King George’s response was “The Die is now cast. The colonies must either submit or triumph.” But what did he mean? King George’s words after the Boston Tea Party tell the colonists that it was too late to change their decision to disobey his laws and now they will either submit to his punishments or triumph over Britain in war.

Transitions to

topic

Part 1 of thesis

“Boston Tea party

And King George”

Thesis Statement

Underlined

 The American colonists were not happy with the laws, especially taxation, from England and its king. After the French and Indian War, England needed money to pay its debts. King George and Parliament decided to tax the colonies to rebuild the treasury. The problem was the colonists didn’t think it was England’s place to tax them since they had no representation in Parliament. So they revolted by boycotting items taxed and even attacking tax collectors. This all climaxed when the people of Boston threw the tea from some ships into Boston Harbor to protest the tax on Tea.

 King George’s word about the die being cast meant that once something is done, it can’t be taken back. When you throw the dice in a game you can’t change your mind and repeat your throw. Can you imagine your friends letting you throw the dice until you are happy with where you are in the game? It never would happen.

Part 2 of Thesis

Disobey laws

 King George said the colonists would either submit or triumph. This means that their choices were to except the punishments for breaking his laws which included more taxes, housing soldiers in their homes and even the closing of Boston harbor which would cause hardships to the citizens. But if the colonists decided to fight, they could triumph in battle which of course is what happened in The American Revolution when America won its independence from England.

Part 3 of

Thesis

Submit or

triumph

 King George was angry at the American colonies for the Boston Tea Party. He saw that they had no choice but to either submit to his punishments for dumping the tea into Boston harbor or go to war with the hope of winning their independence. Thankfully for the United States today, they chose fighting for their independence and a new country.

Conclusion

Include thesis

Statement

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