

TEACHER DEMONSTRATION WRITING

SESSION 12 SHARE

Chapter 4: The Aftermath of the Boston Massacre

The Aftermath of the Boston Massacre was serious. Many important things happened that helped lead to war. For example, many strong patriots tried to convince the colonists that the British soldiers had attacked on purpose. Also, the soldiers were put on trial and found guilty. And a final way the events after the Massacre helped lead to war is that the news of what happened in Boston spread through the colonies, making people very angry.

One of the first things that happened after the Massacre was that Patriots, like Paul Revere, wanted to convince people that the British soldiers were at fault. There was lots of propaganda being published that was trying to convince people that the soldiers killed people on purpose. For example, Paul Revere did an etching that showed the soldiers shooting right at innocent people. He did this to make people angry enough to want to fight the British.

Another thing that happened after the massacre was the trial of the British soldiers. Everyone knew that John Adams was a patriot, so they were very surprised when he decided to defend the British soldiers in their trial. He said that the soldiers deserved a fair trial, just like everyone else. In the end, two of the soldiers who fired on the crowd, Matthew Kilroy and Hugh Montgomery, were accused of manslaughter. Their punishment was to be branded on the thumb and kicked out of the army.

The anger in Boston started to spread through the colonies. People heard what had happened, and were starting to get ready to fight. Patriots began to get serious about making a plan to separate from Britain.