

TEACHER DEMONSTRATION WRITING

SESSION 21 CONFERRING

Question:

Why did John Adams defend the British soldiers, even though he was a patriot?

Hypothesizing:

What I know that sort of relates is that John Adams was a patriot, and he believed very strongly in fairness and what was right. He believed that government should help people, and that people should be able to vote if they paid taxes. He also believed that everyone should be treated equally. So this makes me think that John Adams thought even British soldiers deserved fair treatment. Being a true patriot doesn't just mean fairness for some, it means fairness for all.

Writing in Draft:

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. John Adams's decision shows that for him, being a true patriot means fighting for fairness for all, not just for the people on your side. 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.