Activity: After reading and talking about the words or terms on the flash cards, read this letter Nat Wheeler sent to his parents back in Uxbridge shortly before the funeral of Christopher Seider. Use the cards and your memory to help you fill in the missing words and terms.

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My dear Mother and Father,

I do not wish to alarm you, but tensions here in Boston are rising by the day. In my last letter I told you of the death of a young apprentice, Christopher Seider. Preparations for his funeral are now underway, and many people in Boston have strong feelings about the incident. I have heard several people call Christopher a ________, since his life was sacrificed in support of the Patriot cause. I must decide if I agree. It is a lot to think about.

My work does not provide me with much distraction, as Master Edes is busy printing information about the funeral. He printed a ________ to give to people at the funeral, with Patriot opinions and essays about the current state of affairs with Britain. Perhaps it will move the people of Boston to take further action.

Just a few days ago Master Edes had me post a ________ announcing information about the funeral to the people of Boston. I was told to put the paper at a popular gathering place for Patriots, the ________. I learned that it
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has been an important location for the Patriots. After the _______ in 1765, when printed paper and documents were taxed, many gathered there to protest and voice their opinions. I heard that several men, known as the _______, met there to protest violently, and even burned effigies of British officials!

I cannot help but sometimes question the actions of the man who wears the crown, _______. It seems no matter what he does, the Boston is an unhappy town. I do not believe that he and the redcoats will back down any time soon, and I worry about what will come next.

But please, do not fear that my days are filled only with talk of conflict and death. Recently, Mrs. Edes allowed me to sit in on her _______, which was a great success. She and the other Patriot women are committed to make their own yarn and cloth to avoid importing British goods. In the few moments I have to myself, I am practicing new songs on my _______. I am becoming quite good, and will play a song or two when I see you next.

I pray that you and Samuel are well, and that all is well on the farm.

Your loving son,

Nat
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Name: ____________________________  Date: ____________

Activity: After reading and talking about the words or terms on the flash cards, read this letter Nat Wheeler sent to his parents back in Uxbridge after his first day in Boston. Use the cards and your memory to help you fill in the missing words and terms.

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My dear Mother and Father,

I thank you for signing the ______________ with Mr. Edes. While he does not strike me as the kindest of men, so far he has been a very fair ______________ to me, and I hope he will decide to take me on here as his ______________.

Of course, I understand that there wasn’t much future for me in Uxbridge. Even though Christopher went off to fight in the ______________ against the French, Samuel will stay on with you, and so it makes good sense for me to he here in Boston learning a trade rather than to have remained at home. Perhaps I will someday become a ______________ printer at Mr. Edes’s shop, and when you come to visit me, I will announce it in the newspaper. Maybe some day, I will have a shop of my own and be a ______________!

Boston is a rather puzzling place compared to Uxbridge. You know, Mother and Father, many of the citizens of Boston look unfavorably on the British soldiers here. They call them ______________ or lobsters!

On my first day, I was to sell some advertisements for the newspaper. I wandered up and down the streets, which are filled with the shops of various ______________ cabinetmakers, blacksmiths, chandlers, coopers, potters,
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leathersmiths and more. It's a busier and more interesting city than ever I imagined. I
met a girl who had lost her dog, Thimble. I told her I worked for the ____________
and that she might take out an ad announcing that fact. She said she would. At the
harbor, I met yet another man, named Solomon. He was a black man, but he was a
____________ and not a _____________. He seemed as good a man as any white
man I have ever met. Yet there might be an advertisement for a runaway dog next to
one for a runaway slave! I don't really understand ____________, truth be told.
A person is not a horse or a table. How can good people presume to own another
person?

I met a ______________ named Paul Revere who made no secret that he
opposes Americans importing goods from England. And then I met yet another man, a
___________ named Mr. Lillie, who feels importation of goods from England is a
normal and necessary part of trade.

There is a lot to do, and a lot to think about. I will write you often about my
progress. I pray you and Samuel are well.

Your grateful and loving son,

Nat
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Writing Prompts

Read through all the topics. Then choose one of them to write about. Write the title of the piece at the top of your page. Write in complete sentences. After you are finished, proofread your work for correctness.

TOO YOUNG TO KNOW? Nat learns a fair amount of what he knows by overhearing things. While some of the things he hears are surprising and a bit upsetting, we get the feeling that Nat can manage the news he overhears without becoming upset. Write about a time or times in your life when you felt as Nat did, that is, you found out something adults felt you were too young to know about, or that, for some reason, they didn’t want you to know. What happened? Were you upset? Explain.

DEAR NAT. Imagine you are Nat’s mother or father back in Uxbridge. You just received Nat’s letter (see the Part 2 vocabulary activity.). Now write a letter back to Nat telling him the news in Uxbridge and also responding to some of the things he says in his letter. Use as much of the Day 2 vocabulary as you can, and each time you use a word or term, underline it.

TAXES. No one much likes paying taxes, but it’s not just paying taxes the colonists don’t like. It’s that Parliament, which passes the tax laws for the Empire, is made up of Englishmen, with no one from America to speak for Americans. Do you think that really matters? If so, why? If not, why not? Are Americans just acting like spoiled brats who don’t want to pay their way? After all, they are protected from other countries by the British Army and the British Navy. Shouldn’t they chip in for the cost of the protection as they do in England?

TAXES AND TEA. England has robust trade in tea with India and China. English traders export tea all over the world, including to the American colonies. Their tea business is so good, that the price of English tea, even with the tax added to it, is cheaper than tea imported from other parts of Europe. Also, you have drunk English tea your whole life, and you like it better. Would you go into Mr. Lillie’s store and buy some? What obstacles would you face if you decided to do that? What risks might there be? Shouldn’t you have the right to buy any tea you like? (You may choose to write from Nat’s point-of-view.)

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IS LIBERTY TEA TEA?
One recipe for Liberty Tea (Mrs. Edes’s favorite), is as follows:

3 tbs dried raspberry leaves
5 cups boiling water

What makes tea tea? Is Liberty tea really tea? On the internet, search on the term “What is tea?” Read at least three articles about tea. Then write: tell what tea is, where it comes from, and whether Liberty Tea is really tea. Is herbal tea really tea? Explain.
Did you learn anything about tea that was surprising or particularly interesting? When you finish, have a cup of tea!

A CHILD DIES. Think about what you already know about the death of Christopher Seider. Now imagine this similar, contemporary situation: a group of adults go to protest a dealership that sells imported cars in your neighborhood. The protesters feel that when imports are made available, fewer American cars will be sold, and so fewer American workers will have jobs. A group of boys you know from school passes by. It looks like fun, so they join the protest. An angry man appears on the scene and yells at everyone to go home. The protesters hoot and boo and ignore him, but some of the boys laugh and throw rocks at the man. His wife, who is with him, gets hit. This angers him. He goes into a building. The boys throw rocks at the windows and break them. Suddenly, the man appears at one of the windows, points a shotgun at the crowd and fires. One of your schoolmates is shot, and he later dies.

a. Think about this for a few minutes: Whose fault is it? The owner of the dealership? The protesters? The group of boys? The angry man? The man’s wife? The boy who got shot? Explain your reasoning. If you feel more than one person is at fault, explain your thinking about that.
b. Do you feel that a crime has been committed, or that this was just a terrible accident? Explain why.
c. If the person who died had been an adult, would this seem as sad? If it was a girl? If it was a man in his nineties? Explain your reasoning.