

# SPILLING THE TEA

WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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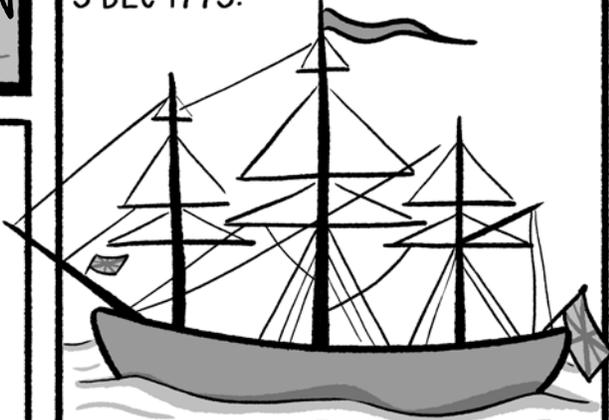
## CHARLESTON -TEA PARTY-

IN MAY 1773,  
BRITAIN ISSUED  
THE TEA ACT.

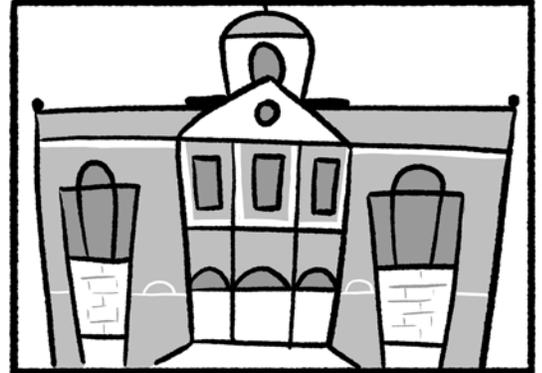
COLONISTS WERE  
FORCED TO BUY  
TEA FROM THE  
EAST INDIA  
COMPANY  
AND PAY  
A TAX.



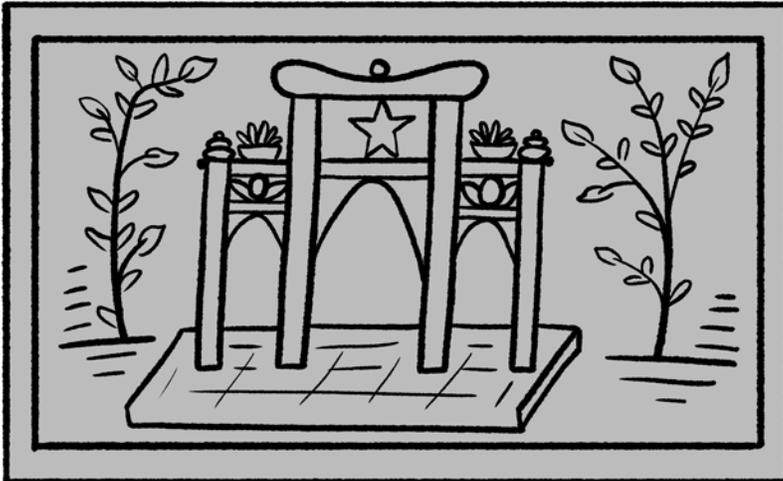
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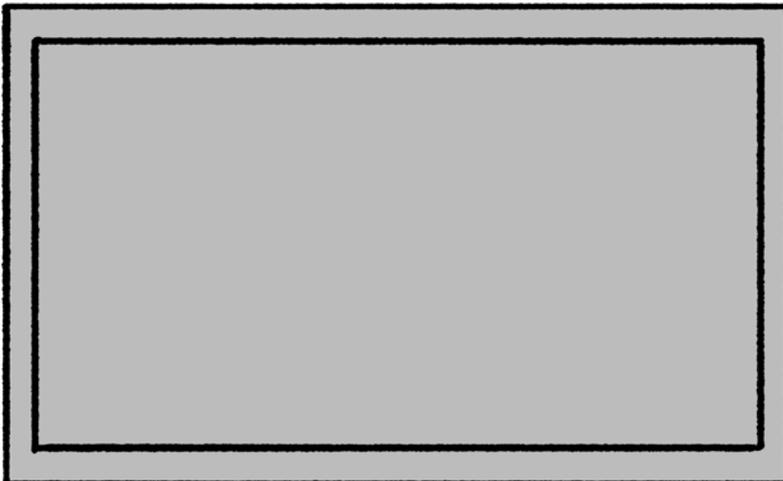
THE LONDONER, A SHIP CONTAINING  
MORE THAN 250 CHESTS OF TEA,  
ARRIVED IN CHARLESTON HARBOR.



CHARLESTONIANS REFUSED TO PAY  
THE DUTY ON THE TEA. AFTER 20  
DAYS UNCLAIMED IN THE HARBOR,  
THE TEA WAS SEIZED AND STORED  
IN THE EXCHANGE BUILDING.



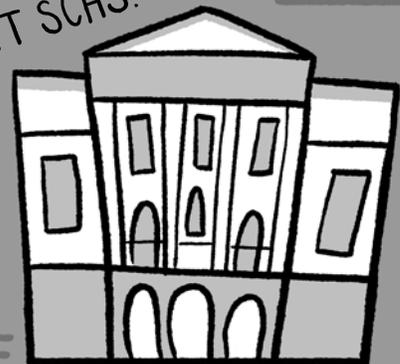
DESIGN YOUR OWN TEA BRICK:



IN THE COLONIAL ERA, MOST TEA WAS  
SOLD IN TEA BRICKS. TEA BRICKS ARE  
CONDENSED BLOCKS OF TEA LEAVES THAT  
CAN BE GROUND UP AND MIXED INTO TEA.

THE BACK OF A TEA BRICK IS USUALLY  
DECORATED WITH AN IMAGE TO SHOW  
WHERE THE TEA ORIGINATED. THE PATTERN  
ON THE LEFT SHOWS HUNAN, CHINA.

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