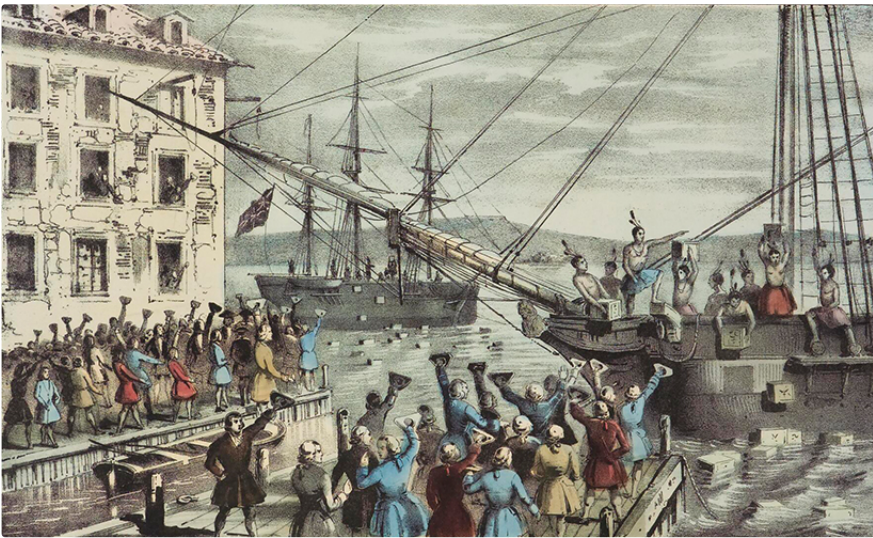


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On December 16, 1773, a group of American colonists led by Samuel Adams protested excessive taxation from Great Britain by boarding three ships and throwing their cargo—massive amounts of tea owned by the East India Company—into Boston’s harbor. This event would be among the many that would eventually spark the American Revolution in 1775 and the founding of the United States as a nation separate from Britain in 1776.

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Highlighting

The Boston Tea Party set off a chain of events that led eventually to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War (1775–83) and the creation of the United States. The Boston Tea Party occurred in reaction to Parliament's Tea Act (May 10, 1773). At this time, the East India Company, which controlled British affairs in India, was on the verge of bankruptcy. In order to aid the company, the British government granted it a monopoly on all tea exported to the colonies. The East India Company would select a limited group of colonial merchants to sell the tea in North America. From the British perspective, this legislation solved several problems. Previously, most tea sold in the colonies was smuggled in from the Dutch since the East India Company tea had to be imported first to England, where a duty would be paid, and then to the colonies, where more taxes (the one remaining Townshend Duty) were due. The Tea Act would raise much needed revenue for the East India Company since the tea could be exported directly to the colonies without paying any customs charges in England. The East India Company would benefit, and the British Empire in India would be secured. Since the tea under the Tea Act would be cheaper than smuggled tea, colonists would, the British believed, eagerly buy the tea and pay the Townshend Duty and thereby implicitly accept parliamentary supremacy. The colonists would also gain from the measure, since tea would be cheaper and colonial merchants would serve as the agents of the East India Company. This seemingly win-win scenario, however, did not work out as the British hoped. The act angered the colonial merchants who would not be East



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The Issue

Victory over the French in the Seven Years' War changed the harmonious relationship between Britain's North American colonies and the mother country. New taxes and regulations imposed on the Americans produced a series of protests and crises between 1763 and 1775. These confrontations spurred Britain to suppress disobedience to Parliamentary policy with military force. Beginning with the Battle of Lexington and Concord in April 1775, the colonists mounted armed resistance to British "coercion." After a year of military

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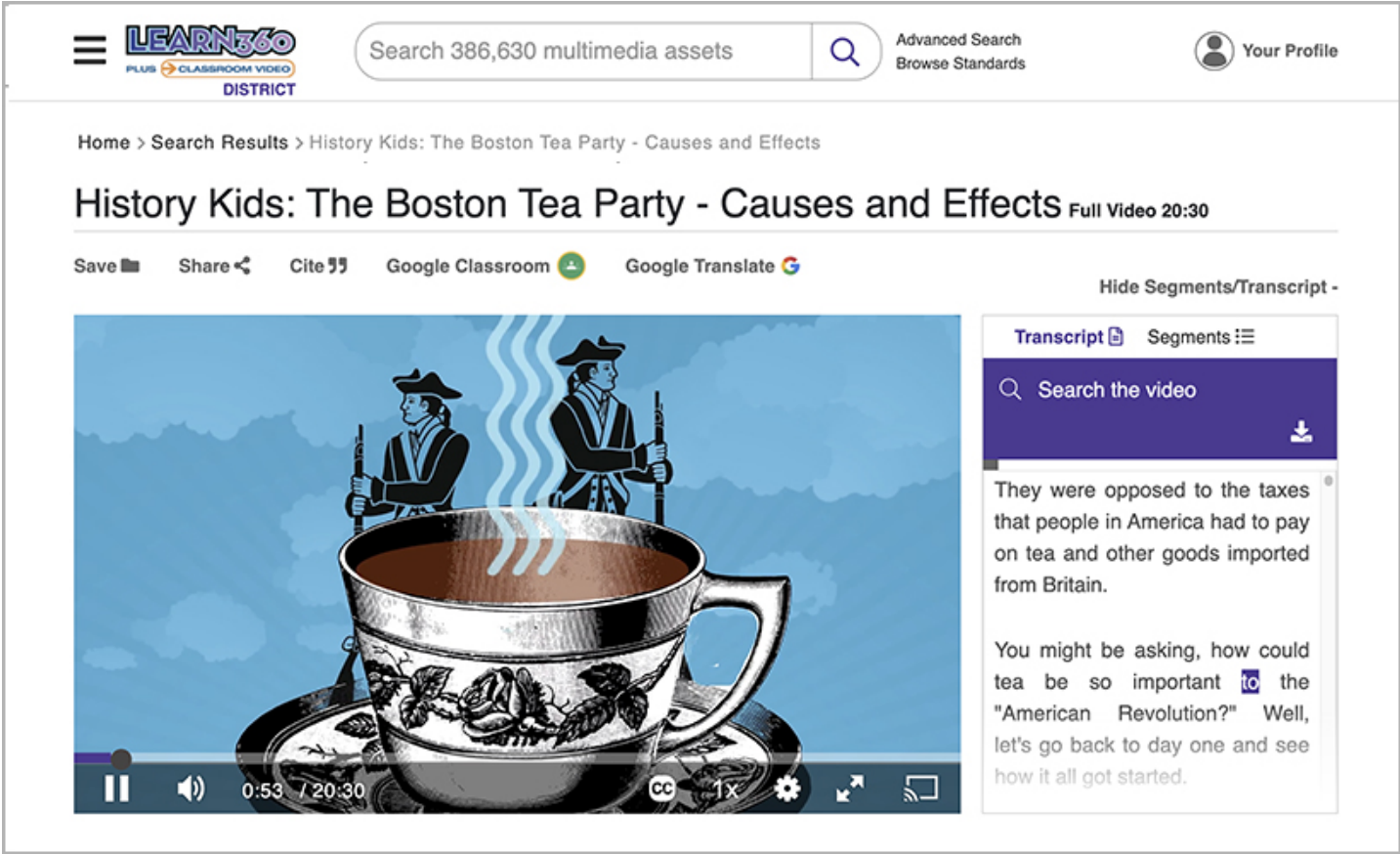
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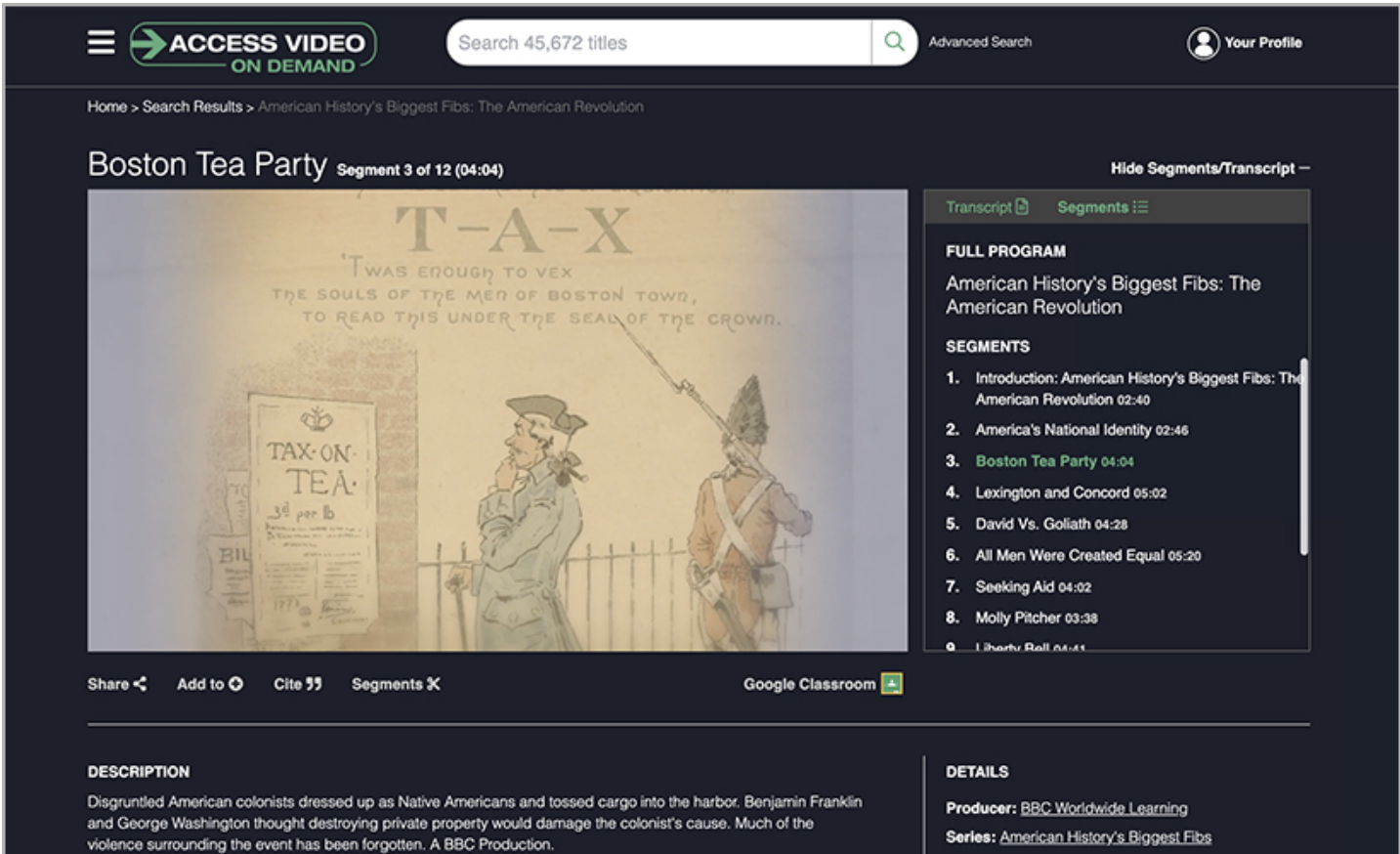
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