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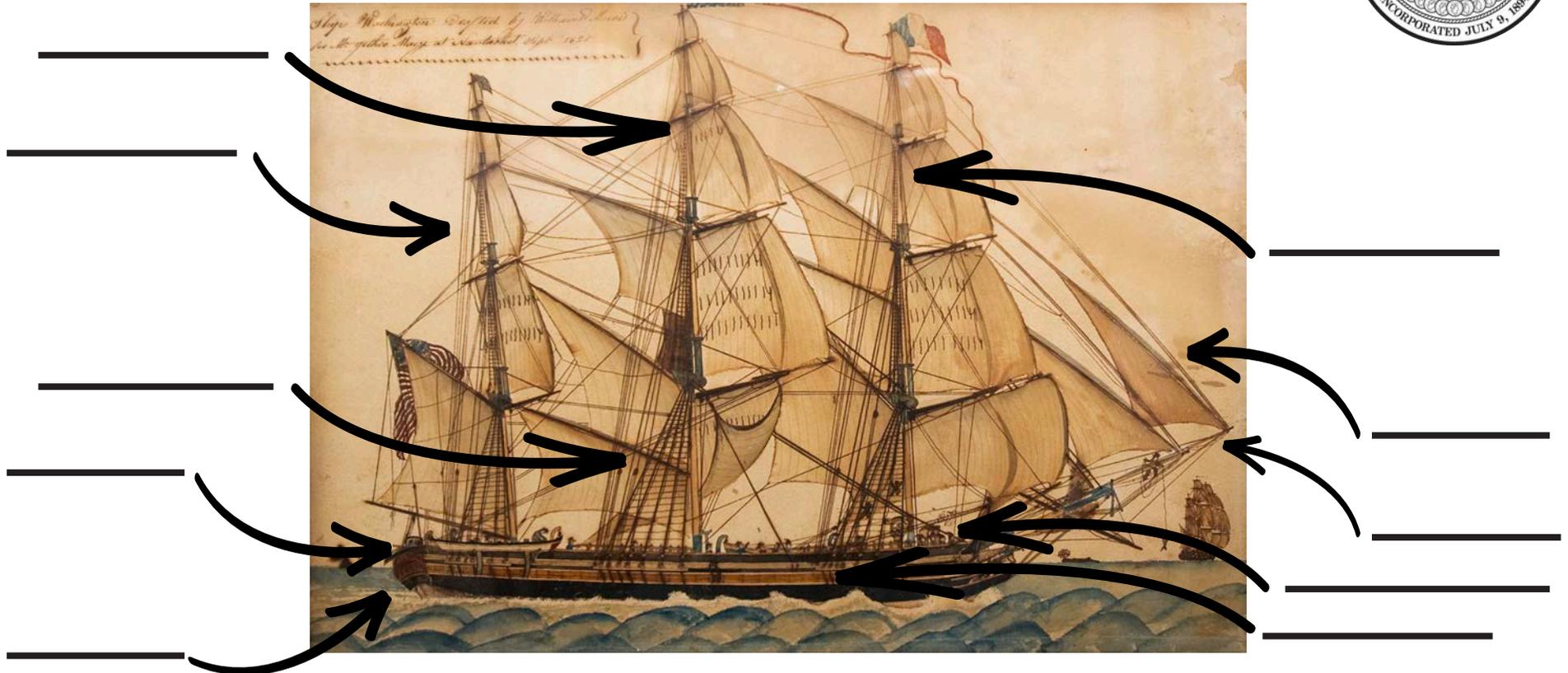
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On the night of December 16, 1773, American colonists, some disguised as Native Americans, dumped hundreds of chests of tea into Boston Harbor. Why? Because colonists were required to pay a tax even though they had no representation in British Parliament. This action helped spark the American Revolution. Two of the three ships raided that night - *the Beaver* and *the Dartmouth* - were whale ships from Nantucket. Owned by the Rotch family, these ships had recently arrived from London and lost 226 chests.

Name the Parts of a Whale Ship



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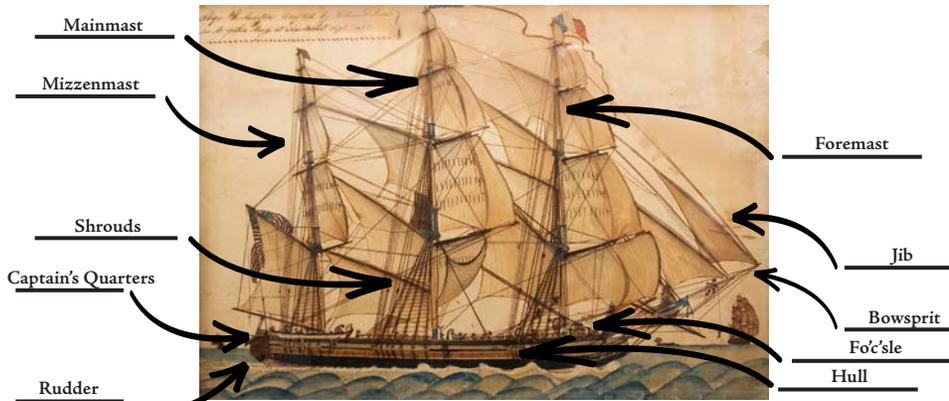
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