

Directions: *Read the passages below and answer the questions that follow.*

The Clash of Arms

Conflicting Versions of the Outbreak (1775)

1. What two things were the British hoping to find at Lexington and Concord?

2. According to scholars today, who fired the first shot that morning?

Salem Gazette, "Account of Lexington and Concord," 4/25/1775

3. The American account blames whom for the first shot?

4. What three atrocities [*horrible acts*] does the American account claim the British are guilty of?

London Gazette, "Account of Lexington and Concord," 6/10/1775

5. Blaming the colonists for the first shot, what two atrocities does the British account allege?

6. Looking at the date of the London Gazette article, why do you suppose it was not published until that date?