

# BOSTON



**From the beginning to ... *the tallest skyscraper in Boston* (3.40).**

## Before you watch

### 1. Answer these questions.

1. When did the American Colonies become independent from Britain?
2. What is this rebellion called?
3. What does the name *Little Italy* refer to?

### 2. Match these names to their definitions.

*tower, trail, square, pond, street festival, waterfront, outdoor activity, rowing competition*

1. special event celebrated in the open air .....
2. something you do in the open air .....
3. sports event involving boats .....
4. path in a urban or natural place .....
5. large area surrounded by buildings .....
6. small natural or artificial lake .....
7. tall building .....
8. part of a town next to the sea .....

## While you watch

### 3. Number these places in the order you see them.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Frog Pond
- \_\_\_\_\_ Back Bay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Freedom Trail
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trinity Church
- 1   Quincy Market
- \_\_\_\_\_ North End
- \_\_\_\_\_ Old State House
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boston Common
- \_\_\_\_\_ John Hancock Tower
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bunker Hill Monument

**4. UP TO NOW. Match the beginnings and ends of the sentences.**

1. Puritan Colonists founded Boston	a. the first battle of the American Revolution.
2. Boston is famous for	b. all the city's historic sites.
3. There was a protest against Britain	c. its colonial past.
4. The Freedom Trail connects	d. Boston's Little Italy.
5. Bunker Hill commemorates	e. in 1630.
6. North End is called	f. in 1775.

**From *Very tall buildings* (3.41) to the end.**

**5. Mark the sentences true (T) or false (F).**

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| 1. The Waterfront is Boston's modern port.          | T | F |
| 2. The Aquarium only contains tropical fish.        | T | F |
| 3. Spring is the best season to see the parks.      | T | F |
| 4. Boston's parks are ideal for outdoor activities. | T | F |
| 5. Bostonians are sporty people.                    | T | F |
| 6. Boston has very good sports teams.               | T | F |
| 7. The Boston Marathon takes place in spring.       | T | F |
| 8. Harvard College is in the centre of the city.    | T | F |
| 9. More than 6 US presidents studied there.         | T | F |
| 10. MIT is famous for its scientific programs.      | T | F |

**6. UP TO NOW. Where can you do these activities?**

*Boston Aquarium, Charles River, Charles River Esplanade, Fenway Park, all over the city*

a. Go jogging	
b. Watch a baseball match	
c. Go rowing	
d. Run the marathon	
e. Admire tropical fish	

## After you watch

### 7. Decide if these places hold a record for Boston or the USA.

		<b>in Boston</b>	<b>in the USA</b>
Boston Common	The oldest public park		
Fenway Park	One of the oldest baseball parks		
The <i>Red Sox</i>	The best baseball team		
John Hancock Tower	The tallest skyscraper		
Old State House	The oldest public building		
Harvard College	The oldest university		

### 8. Brainstorming

Boston is also a modern city. List all the modern things you can see in the city.

### 9. Dialogue

You meet an Italo-American and you talk to him. Complete the dialogue.

**You:** Where do your grandparents come from?

**He/She:** .....

**You:** Where do you live?

**He/She:** .....

**You:** Do you still eat Italian food and keep Italian traditions alive?

**He/She:** .....

**You:** Do you like living in Boston?

**He/She:** .....