Class 1: The Boston Massacre
1. Reading I and II. What lessons does John Hancock want his listeners to derive from his version of the story of the Boston Massacre?
2. Reading III. Why does John Adams agree to represent the British soldiers? Would you?
3. Reading IV. What does Adams mean by “facts are stubborn things”?
4. Reading V. According to Justice Oliver, what standard should the jury use in deciding the guilt of the soldiers? Why do you think that is the standard?