

**FORMAL RESPONSE TO WRITTEN COMMENTS,
RECEIVED AFTER JULY 17, 2002
Harcourt School Publishers**

PETITIONER'S COMMENT

Eleanor Hutchinson

Concerning *Harcourt Horizontes: Historia de Estados Unidos, Grade 5* page 286 Picture of Crispus Attucks. "Uno de los muertos fue Crispus Attucks, un ex-esclavo. Muchos consideran que Crispus Attucks fue la primera persona en morir en la lucha por la libertad americana. **Libertad** significa que el pueblo tiene el poder de crear sus propias leyes."

Mira arriba para explicacion.

PUBLISHER'S RESPONSE

Harcourt School Publishers to Eleanor Hutchinson

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The publisher understands that the petitioner is questioning the ethnicity of Crispus Attucks. On page 285, where the picture of Crispus Attacks and the above paragraph appear, Attucks is described as "un ex-esclavo," or "a former slave," not an African. See *The Encyclopedia Americana*, Volume 1, page 663, where Attucks is described as an "ex-slave" who had "runaway from his master in Farmington, Mass., on Sept. 30, 1750." See *The New Encyclopedia Britannica, Micropedia*, Volume 2, page 180, where Attucks is described as "a former slave." See *Webster's New Biographical Dictionary*, page 57, where Attucks is described as "probably mulatto" and "a runaway slave." See *Dictionary of American Biography*, Volume 1, page 415, where Attucks is described as "a runaway slave."