

## Redcoat Pillaging

In the book *Chains*, did Laurie Halse Anderson create a fact-based **description of events** when the Patriot soldiers entered the Locktons' home and began removing the windows? Use the picture and caption of "Redcoat Pillaging" on page 48 of *American Revolution* to corroborate the facts.

A group of men clustered on the front steps did not look like angels, but they could have been in disguise. Four wore the coats, breeches, and powdered wigs and hats of merchants; one had papers tucked under his arm. Six soldiers stood behind them, all wearing uniforms but carrying long metal bars instead of guns.

The soldiers had split into two groups. Half went into the front parlor, and the other half into Lockton's library. Both groups set to removing the windows, prying them from their casings with the long bars.

There was a horrific crash in the parlor as hooks that held up the heavy draperies flew off the wall and landed on the floor. Plaster dust swirled.

"We need your lead, friend. For ammunition. Good people throughout the city are donating all the lead they own. Even our churches are making the sacrifice, delivering their bells to be recast as cannon."

*Chains*, p. 71

I think/do not think that Laurie Halse Anderson's description of this event is consistent with historical facts because...