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5.4 - Forming a Government: Ratifying the Constitution

The new Constitution did not make everyone happy. _____
opposed the Constitution and thought that the Constitutional Convention should
_____ have created a new government. Many Antifederalists opposed the
Constitution because it did not contain a section that guaranteed _____
_____. Federalists were people who _____ the Constitution,
they believed that the Constitution provided a good _____ of power.

One of the most important _____ of the Constitution was a
series of essays known as the _____. Although
these papers were published anonymously, they were actually written by Alexander
_____, James _____, and John _____.

The authors' purpose for writing the papers was to _____ Americans
that the new government, under the Constitution, would not _____
the states, but instead that the _____ of the United States would
not allow any _____ to take over the government.

The Constitution needed only _____ states to pass it, but
each need to ratify it as a way of displaying national _____. Every
state, except _____ held conventions that allowed

citizens the opportunity to discuss and _____ on the Constitution. In December 1787, _____ became the first state to ratify it and the Constitution went into effect in June 1788 after _____ became the ninth state to ratify it.

Several states ratified the Constitution only after a _____ protecting _____ was promised. Many _____ did not believe that the Constitution would protect _____.

In the first session of _____, James Madison encouraged legislators to develop a _____. The rights would then become _____ to the Constitution after a _____ majority of both houses of Congress and three-fourths of the _____ approved them. Congress originally proposed twelve _____ and turned them over to the states for ratification. By December 1791, the states had ratified _____ of the proposed amendments intended to protect citizens' rights; these ten amendments are known as the _____. These amendments show how the Constitution was _____ to meet the needs of a growing nation.