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Essential Question: Why did Americans carry on a vigorous debate before ratifying the Constitution?

Main Idea 1:
Federalists and Antifederalists engaged in debate over the new Constitution.

Federalists
- Supported ___________
- Desired ___________ central
- Liked ___________ of ___________ in Constitution
- Made ___________ and ___________ advocating ___________ in government

Antifederalists
- ___________ Constitution
- ___________ felt that the ___________ government had been ___________ too much ___________.
- Concerned about lack of ___________ of
- ___________ ___________ became Antifederalist over ___________ issue

Main Idea 2:
The Federalist Papers played an important role in the fight for ratification of the Constitution.

- Federalist Papers: series of essays ___________ the ___________
- Written anonymously by ___________ ___________ , John Jay, and ___________
- The Federalist Papers calmed ___________ by saying that the ___________ would not ___________ the ___________.
- Federalist Papers tried to ___________ Americans about the new ___________ government created under the ___________.
- Stated that the ___________ would not ___________ the ___________
- Widely ___________ in ___________ around the country; ___________ the Constitution ___________
Battle for Ratification

- Each ___________________ needed to __________________ the Constitution.
- All states except __________________ ________ held ratification conventions for __________________ to discuss and __________________ on the _____________.
- ________________ was the first state to ________________, in 1787, and ________________ ________________ was the ________________, in 1790.
- ________________ and Virginia __________________ over ________________, but finally ratified.
- Political leaders knew these ________________ were ________________, since ________________ had the largest population in the nation and ________________ was an important ________________ for ________________ and ________________.

Main Idea 3:
Ten amendments were added to the Constitution to provide a Bill of Rights to protect citizens.

- Several states ________________ the ________________ only after the ________________ of a bill protecting ________________ rights.
- Congress responded by passing a ________________ ________________ to be added to the ________________ as ________________.
- The ________________ ________________ became the first ________________ amendments to the Constitution upon ________________ by the ________________ in December 1791.
  - Gave a ________________ example of how to ________________ the Constitution to fit the ________________ of a ________________ nation
  - Flexibility of the ________________ has allowed it to ________________ for over ________________ years
  - The Bill of Rights used the ________________ introduced in the ________________ ________________ ________________.
  - It ensured the ________________ of ________________ rights so that the ________________ listed in the Declaration of Independence would be ________________.