**CALL TO FREEDOM**

**CHAPTER 10 LAUNCHING THE NATION**

**SECTION 1 LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNMENT**

***BEFORE YOU READ….***

Answer these questions to see how much you might already know about this topic

TRUE FALSE

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 1. George Washington was very confident he would be a good president

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 2. Washington was elected by receiving every vote (unanimous)

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 3. The first capitol of our country was Washington DC

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 4. The people of American directly elect their president

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 5. Sam Adams was our first Vice President

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 6. A Tariff can protect American jobs

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 7. The most popular occupation at the start of our nation was farming.

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 8. When our country began, ore people lived in the countryside than in the cities

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 9. Washington did not believe he needed any help to be president

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 10. Many of the things Washington did established a pattern for future presidents

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 11. It was necessary to create a court system for the entire country

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 12. Thomas Jefferson was our country’s first Secretary of State

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 13. Alexander Hamilton was this country’s first Secretary of the Treasury

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ 14. The Supreme Court only had 6 justices on it when it started

 \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 15. Federal judges are chosen by the president and confirmed by Congress

How difficult do you think it would it be to be the leader of a new nation? Why?

READ PAGES 300-303 IN YOUR TEXTBOOK AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

***The First President***

**VOCABULARY**

**ELECTORAL COLLEGE**: THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL, BUT ACTUALLY A GROUP OF PEOPLE CALLED “ELECTORS” THAT ARE SENT FROM EACH STATE TO GATHER TO MAKE THE DECISION ABOUT WHO WILL BE OUR PRESIDENT

**ELECTORS**: PEOPLE CHOSEN BY THEIR STATE TO ACTUALLY CAST THE VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT

**UNANIMOUSLY**: EVERYONE VOTED FOR THE SAME PERSON

***Main idea: What qualities made George Washington a good President?***

1. *George Washington actually thought he would not be fit to be our first president. What two things did believe would stop him from being an effective President?*

*1.*

*2.*

1. *The people disagreed with Washington and felt he would be a great president because he had three things going for him. What were the three things that Americans admired about him?*

*1.*

*2.*

*3.*

1. *When it was time to choose the first President, only \_\_\_ of the 13 original states had officially joined the country by ratifying the Constitution*
2. *The people did not actually choose their own president. Who are the people that do?*
3. *Are these people required to vote for the same person that their state wanted to be president?*
4. *THIS QUESTION IS NOT IN THE BOOK, YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT*

*At the Constitutional Convention, when delegates from 12 of the 13 colonies were trying to out together our country, there was a lot of discussion about how to choose our president. Some thought everyone in the country should simply vote to pick the president. One delegate at the convention voiced his opposition to this idea saying:*

*“Allowing the American public to choose their president is like allowing a blind man to pick out the color of your new curtains…”*

*What was this delegate’s fear about allowing the public to directly elect their leader?*

1. *How many electors chose Washington to be president?*
2. *Who was chosen to be Vice President?*
3. *Look at the picture on page 301. What does this picture suggest about how people felt about George Washington?*
4. *Today, our nation’s capitol is Washington DC. However; the first capitol of the United States was actually the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
5. *How does Washington’s wife, Martha Washington describe her first few weeks while her husband is president?*
6. *There was great hope that women would play a great role in our new country. What did women do that made many believe they would have an important role in our new government? (hint: parenting)*

***Life in the New Republic***

***Main idea: How did Americans expect the new government to help free enterprise?***

1. *By 1790, the population of the states had grown to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *Where did most people live at this time?*
3. *What was the most popular occupation (job)?*
4. *What kind of trade laws did people who manufactured goods want?*
5. *A “tariff” is a tax on goods that come into the country. By placing a “tariff” on foreign goods sold here in America, anyone who wants to buy these products here must pay a higher price for them.*

 *Please explain how a TARIFF can protect American industry and jobs:*

1. *What were some reasons why New York City was made the first capitol of our country?*

***Settling Precedents***

**VOCABULARY**

**PRECEDENT**: AN EARLIER EVENT THAT IS CONSIDERED A GUIDE TO MAKING DECISIONS

**CABINET**: CLOSE ADVISORS TO THE PRESIDENT

***Main idea: How did Washington and the Congress set up executive and judicial branches?***

1. *How did Washington feel his actions would have an impact on all future decisions?*
2. *Washington was a humble man who knew he did not know everything there was to know in order to lead the country. What did he create to give himself help and advice in running the country.*
3. *The first Secretary of the Treasury was : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and the first Secretary of State was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
4. *The Judiciary Act of 1789 helped organize our nation’s courts into these three levels:*

*1.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (highest)*

*2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*3.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lowest)*

1. *How were the judges of these court selected?*