Visual Summary

1-3. Write a description of each item named below.



New York State Constitution United States Constitution Bill of Rights

Facts and Main Ideas

Answer each question with information from the chapter.

- **4. History** Why was New York City chosen as the nation's capital in 1785?
- **5. History** What was the purpose of the Constitutional Convention of 1787?
- **6. Government** What is a federal government?
- **7. History** What did John Jay and Alexander Hamilton do to support the approval of the Constitution?
- **8. Citizenship** What groups of people were not protected by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights when they were written?

Vocabulary

Choose the correct word from the list below to complete each sentence.

delegate, p. 157 democracy, p. 158 amendment, p. 165

- **9.** Alexander Hamilton was chosen to represent New York as a(n) _____ to the Constitutional Convention.
- **10.** Freedom of speech is protected by a(n) _____ to the Constitution.
- **11.** In the government of the United States the people hold the power, making our country a(n) _____.

Apply Skills

Make a Timeline Use the information below and what you have learned about timelines to answer each question.

In 1777, New York approved a state constitution. Eight years later, New York City became the capital of the United States. After the new national Constitution was created. New York ratified it in 1788. George Washington was inaugurated in New York City the next year. In 1791, New York approved the Bill of Rights.

- **12.** Where on a timeline would you place New York's ratification of the United States Constitution?
 - A. between 1775 and 1780
 - **B.** between 1780 and 1785
 - C. between 1785 and 1790
 - **D.** between 1790 and 1795
- 13. Which event took place first?
 - **A.** New York approves a state constitution
 - **B.** New York ratifies the United States Constitution
 - C. George Washington is inaugurated
 - **D.** New York City is chosen as the national capital

Timeline

Use the timeline above to answer the question.

14. How many years after the Constitutional Convention was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution?

Critical Thinking

Write a short paragraph to answer each question below. Use details to support your response.

- **15. Summarize** What was the result of the Constitutional Convention?
- **16. Draw Conclusions** In 1791, not everyone had the same rights under the Constitution. What effect do you think this had on democracy?

Activities



Art Activity Make an illustrated timeline of events in the creation of constitutions for New York and the United States.

Writing Activity Write a letter to New York's delegates to the Constitutional Convention, Tell them what you think the Constitution needs to say.

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