**The Bill of Rights (cloze passage)**

In 1789, James Madison \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_twelve amendments to Congress. His intention was to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the criticisms of the anti-federalists. The states ratified all but two of them — one to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the enlargement of the House of Representatives and one to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members of the House from raising their own salaries until after an election had taken place. The remaining ten amendments, known as the **Bill of Rights**, were\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1791.

These ten amendments put limits on the national government's right to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ specific civil liberties and rights, many of which were already\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by some of the state constitutions. Liberties protected included freedom of speech, press, religion, and assembly (**First Amendment**). The Bill of Rights also provided\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for those accused of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Two amendments — the right to bear arms (**Second Amendment**) and the right to refuse to have soldiers\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in your home (**Third Amendment**) — were clearly\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to British rule. The anti-federalists were pleased by the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Tenth Amendment, which\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that all powers not expressly granted to Congress were reserved to the states.

Over the years, the Bill of Rights has become an important\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of American\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The compromise that created the Bill of Rights also\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what Americans would come to cherish above almost all else. Together with the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Bill of Rights helps to define the American\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system and the government's\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to its citizens.