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2. The _______ of Independence inspired many colonists. It united the colonies in a way that had never been done before.

3. The Constitution creates a system of government with "____ ____ ____ ____ and balances" to prevent the abuse of power.

4. Without compromise the delegates of the Constitutional Convention would not have been able to finish the _______.

5. The Bill of Rights includes the first ten amendments to the Constitution. The first amendment protects freedom of religion, freedom of ________, and freedom of the press.

6. The _______ Proclamation helped free slaves, it caused the South to lose its laborers, and it increased the Union forces.

7. The Battle of Gettysburg was the largest and bloodiest battle ever fought on American soil. It prompted David Wills, a citizen of Gettysburg, to write the governor and ask for a cemetery for the soldiers. Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous _______ Address at this cemetery's dedication ceremony in 1863.

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