As You Read: Write the correct words into the crossword puzzle. Some of the answers have multiple words and must be written without a space between words. Spell Carefully.

1. 13 Across: In 1787-88, voters in each state elected delegates who would decide whether or not to __________ the Constitution.
2. 10 Down: Favored a strong federal/national/central government that would have enough power to fix the nation’s problems.
3. 14 Across: Federalists believed that the ________ gave the national government the authority it needed to function effectively.
4. 15 Across: James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay wrote a series of essays known as The Federalist Papers in order to explain and __________ the Constitution.
5. 11 Across: ________ felt that the Constitution made the national government too strong and left the states too weak.
6. 16 Across: The main objection of the Antifederalists was that the Constitution had no bill of rights to protect people’s basic __________ such as freedom of speech and religion.
7. 6 Across: Federalists replied that it was __________ to list all of the natural rights of people and that the Constitution protected people well enough as it was.
8. 1 Across: States voted one by one. __________ led the way on December 7, 1787, becoming the first state. Pennsylvania and New Jersey soon followed.
9. 7 Down: __________ was the first battleground state. Old patriots like Sam Adams and John Hancock held back their support until it was agreed upon that a bill of rights might be added to the Constitution. The state ratified the Constitution in early 1788.
10. 3 Across: The Constitution could go into effect in June of 1788, but two of the largest states, New York and __________ still had not ratified the plan. The nation’s unity remained in doubt.
11. 12 Across: Rhode Island had refused to even send a __________ to the Constitutional Convention, but in May of 1790 it became the last state to ratify the Constitution.
12. 5 Down: The first election under the Constitution was held in January of 1789. George Washington was elected President and __________ was chosen as Vice President.
13. 9 Down: The first Congress met in __________ City, which was the nation’s first capital under the Constitution.
14. 4 Down: ________ means to change the Constitution. This process is difficult so that changes cannot be made lightly.
15. 8 Down: By December, 1791, ten of the twelve proposed amendments had been ratified and amended to the Constitution. These ten amendments became known as the __________.
16. 2 Down: With the Bill of Rights in place, the new framework of government was complete. Over time, the Constitution became a __________ document that grew and changed along with the nation.