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. 4 Down: George Washington’s __________ ceremony took place in New York City in 1789. At this ceremony he took the oath of office and became the first President of the United States.

2. 12 Down: As the first President, Washington set many precedents. A precedent is an act or a decision that sets an __________ for others to follow in the future.

3. 7 Across: In 1789, the first Congress created five executive departments to assist the President. These were the departments of __________, Treasury and War, as well as the offices of the Attorney General and the Postmaster General.

4. 1 Down: The heads of these departments make up the President’s __________, and give the President advice on important issues.

5. 8 Across: Washington chose two well-known leaders to serve in his Cabinet. He chose __________ as his Secretary of State and Alexander Hamilton as his Secretary of the Treasury.

6. 5 Down: In 1789, Congress passed the Judiciary Act, which called for the creation of a Supreme Court. The court would consist of one Chief Justice and five __________ Justices.

7. 6 Down: Washington named __________ as the first Chief Justice of the United States.

8. 11 Across: As Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton faced many problems. His most pressing was trying to reduce the country’s large __________.

9. 9 Across: During the Revolution, the national and state governments borrowed money by issuing bonds. A bond is a __________ that promises to repay the money loaned, plus interest, by a certain date.

10. 13 Across: During the Revolution, many soldiers were paid in bonds but they needed cash to survive. They sold their bonds to __________ at a low price. Hamilton’s plan to pay off the national and state debts would reward these people.

11. 3 Across: James Madison and other Southerners opposed Hamilton’s plan, but agreed on a compromise. Southerners would accept Hamilton’s plan but in return Congress would build a new __________ city located in the South.

12. 10 Across: Hamilton had other plans to build the economy. He called on Congress to create a Bank of the United States to make loans. He also asked Congress to pass a __________, which is a tax on foreign goods. This would make imported goods more expensive and protect local businesses.

13. 14 Down: Hamilton also asked Congress to approve a tax on liquor to raise money for the Treasury. This angered backcountry farmers who grew __________, which they used to make whiskey. Thousands protested the tax in an uprising called the Whiskey Rebellion.

14. 2 Down: Washington quickly sent the militia to defeat the rebels. Hamilton wanted the rebels executed but the President disagreed and __________ them. He had shown both strength and mercy throughout the rebellion.