



**Chapter 9: Launching the New Government**  
**Section 1: Washington Takes Office – Pages 278-282**

**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.