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Protecting Our Rights: The Story Behind the Bill of Rights

Short Answer Key

1. Some states were hesitant to ratify the Constitution without a guarantee of individual rights, which the Bill of Rights provided.
2. (Any one of the rights protected by the Bill of Rights, such as freedom of speech, religion, or the right to bear arms.)
3. The American Revolution made the colonists wary of a powerful government that could infringe on their rights, leading to the addition of the Bill of Rights to protect those rights.
4. (Examples of influential thinkers from the Enlightenment, such as John Locke or Voltaire.)
5. (Provide an example of how one of the amendments in the Bill of Rights limits government power, such as the Fourth Amendment protecting against unreasonable searches and seizures.)

