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Protecting Our Rights: The Story Behind the Bill of Rights

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary but may include discussions about potential government overreach, lack of protection for individual freedoms, and potential challenges in ensuring a fair and just society.
2. Compromise was essential in gaining the support of states that were hesitant to ratify the Constitution, ultimately leading to the inclusion of the Bill of Rights to protect individual rights.
3. The Bill of Rights has helped shape the United States by ensuring that individual freedoms are protected, fostering a sense of democracy, and upholding the values of liberty and justice.
4. The Founding Fathers were concerned about the potential abuse of government power because they had just fought a war to gain independence from a powerful and tyrannical British monarchy. They wanted to ensure that the new government would not become tyrannical like the one they had fought against.

