

Read pages 56-58, then complete this assignment.

Section 5

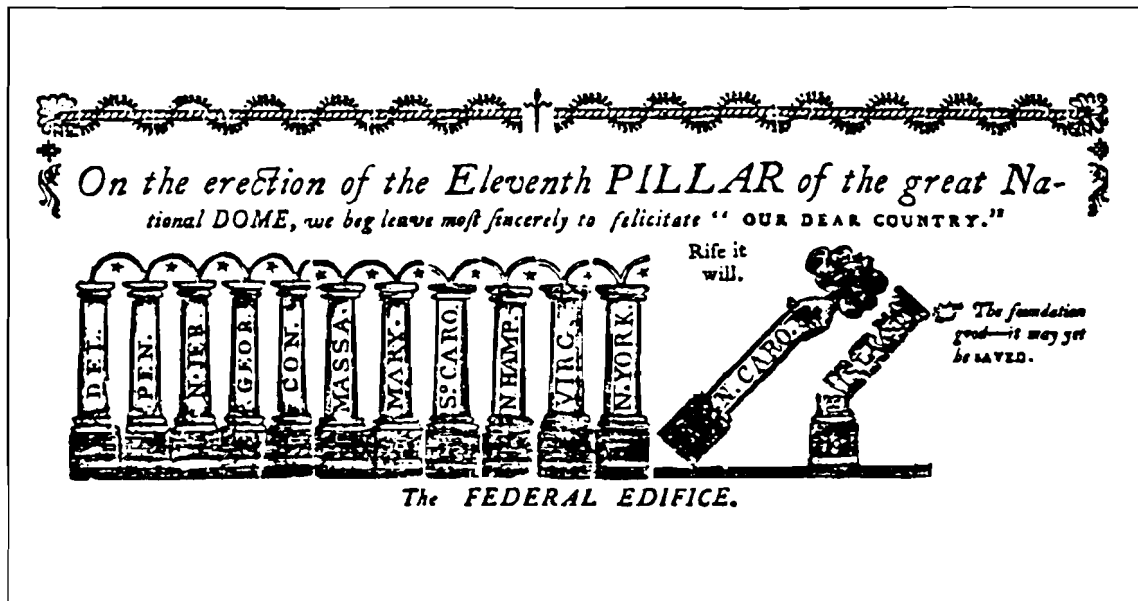
CHAPTER

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Ratifying the Constitution

The Constitution took effect not when it was signed by the Framers in Philadelphia in 1787 but when it was ratified by nine of the States. A spirited debate between Federalists and Anti-Federalists took place as the States decided whether to back the new Constitution. The cartoon below appeared shortly after New York's approval of the Constitution in 1788. Study it and answer the questions that follow.

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Interpreting Political Cartoons

1. What do the pillars represent? Why are some, but not all, of the pillars standing upright?
2. What is the "eleventh pillar of the great national dome" that the cartoon refers to?
3. According to the cartoon, which two States had yet to ratify the Constitution?
4. Was the creator of this cartoon a Federalist or an Anti-Federalist? Explain your answer.
5. **Identifying Central Issues** Why do you think supporters of the Constitution thought that it was important for every State to ratify the Constitution? Explain your answer.