



Launching the Nation

MAIN IDEA ACTIVITIES 10.1

VOCABULARY

Some expressions to understand:

- in obedience to its call (302): following its wishes
- the vast majority of (303): most

Other terms:

- best fitted (301): having the best skills
- uneasiness (302): uncomfortable feeling
- era (302): period in history
- debate (304): to discuss

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS For each of the following, write the letter of the best choice in the space provided.

- _____ 1. George Washington was sworn in as president in
a. Philadelphia.
b. Washington, D.C.
c. New York City.
d. Boston.
- _____ 2. Martha Washington was always busy
a. planning for a public health system.
b. working for greater educational opportunities for women.
c. entertaining guests and attending social functions.
d. working in hospitals as a nurse.
- _____ 3. Republican Motherhood was the idea that women should teach their children to
a. become good citizens.
b. support the Republican party.
c. become soldiers.
d. have good manners.
- _____ 4. Most women in the early republic
a. shared equal rights with men.
b. were very well educated.
c. participated in business and politics.
d. worked inside or outside the home to support their families.
- _____ 5. U.S. citizens wanted Congress to protect their liberty and to improve
a. living conditions in cities.
b. their system of government.
c. the national economy.
d. roads in the countryside.
- _____ 6. To celebrate the new government, New York City changed the name of Crown Street to
a. Washington Avenue.
b. Republican Way.
c. Liberty Street.
d. Congress Boulevard.

Main Idea Activities 10.1 continued

- _____ 7. As the first president, Washington realized that his administration's actions would
- a. set an example for later administrations.
 - b. be ignored.
 - c. be criticized by many people.
 - d. not have a great effect on the country.
- _____ 8. A precedent is
- a. an action or decision that serves as an example.
 - b. the leader of a country such as the United States.
 - c. the highest court in the nation.
 - d. a type of battle ship.

IDENTIFYING CONCEPTS Place the letter of the description next to the appropriate term or name.

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| _____ 1. John Adams | _____ 5. Thomas Jefferson |
| _____ 2. Dr. Benjamin Rush | _____ 6. Henry Knox |
| _____ 3. Judith Sargent Murray | _____ 7. Judiciary Act |
| _____ 4. Alexander Hamilton | _____ 8. John Jay |
- a. first secretary of the treasury
 - b. politician who promoted the idea of Republican Motherhood
 - c. law that created the federal court system
 - d. first secretary of war
 - e. first chief justice of the Supreme Court
 - f. first vice president
 - g. wrote newspaper essays that stressed the need for women to receive an education
 - h. first secretary of state