

- Accomplishments of the first 5 Presidents | SOL USI. 7c



Ratification of the Constitution

- **Nine** of the thirteen states had to vote in favor of the Constitution before it could become **law**.

Bill of Rights

- Based on the **Virginia Declaration of Rights** (George Mason) and the **Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom** (Thomas Jefferson)
- The first **ten** amendments to the Constitution provide a written guarantee of individual **rights** (e.g., freedom of speech, freedom of religion).

Essential Understanding: Congress and the first five presidents made decisions establishing a strong government that helped the nation grow in size and power.