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Bill of Rights Graphic Organizer- **Sample Answers**

Directions: After reading each placard, write down one key fact you learned.

Placard	Key Takeaway
History of the Bill of Rights	After the revolution, a new government was being formed. Many wanted clearly protected rights.
Federalist Views	Believed that a strong national government would help the states unite to create a nation. Felt that the Constitution limited the power of the government. Were concerned that the rights not listed in a Bill of Rights would not be protected by the government.
Anti-Federalist Views	Some states were skeptical of the national government having too much power and not protecting the rights of individuals. Believed that local governments should have more control to protect the rights of the people. They felt that the Constitution should be rejected unless a Bill of Rights was included.
Passing the Bill of Rights	Influenced by the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, and Virginia's Declaration of Rights. The Bill of Rights was drafted by James Madison. 10 of the 12 amendments would be ratified by the states.
Importance of the Bill of Rights	Written to protect the rights of citizens from the government. Still used today.