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Reading for Understanding

▶ Key Ideas

BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

A new Constitution, approved in 1788, served as a guide for the new republican government.

NOW YOU WILL LEARN

George Washington and his advisers faced many challenges during his Presidency.

▶ Vocabulary

TERMS & NAMES

Federal Judiciary Act (joo•DISH•ee•AIR•ee) 1789 law passed by the first Congress that set up lower federal courts

John Jay first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

attorney general nation's top legal officer; today also the head of the Department of Justice

cabinet group of executive department heads that serve as the president's chief advisers

BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

inaugurate (in•AW•gyuh•rate) to formally swear in or induct into office

precedent (PRE•seh•dent) an example that becomes standard practice

tariff tax on imported goods



Visual Vocabulary
cabinet meeting

▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, use the diagram to list members of Washington's cabinet and their responsibilities.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R6.

CATEGORIZE

Cabinet Member	Responsibilities
Hamilton	managed the nation's money
Jefferson	oversaw foreign relations



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