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Complete the fact-fiction chart to summarize "1787."

HISTORICAL FACTS	FICTIONAL DETAILS

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**Read the passage and answer the questions.**

The framers of the Constitution for the new American republic were guided by their experiences as British subjects. They constructed a three-branched government—executive, legislative, and judicial. American colonists would never have wanted a strong chief executive to remind them of the British king.

The framers set up a two-chambered congress. Its members, who represented different parts of the population, would make laws and impose taxes. This form of congress was far superior to the English Parliament.

The chief claim to fame for the framers of the Constitution is the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment guarantees individual rights in areas such as freedom of speech, press, religion, and assembly, and it protects individuals arrested for a crime.

Many people consider the United States Constitution an ideal document. However, while it has much to recommend it, Americans should not forget that the original document upheld slavery and ignored the rights of Native Americans. It also did not recognize the rights of women. The original Constitution was a document both politically brilliant and flawed.

1. List two facts you read. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. List two opinions you read. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What is the author's purpose? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is the author's viewpoint in the passage? \_\_\_\_\_  
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