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Primary Document Analysis - Washington's Letter to Knox: Read the following excerpts of George Washington's letter to General Henry Knox from April 1, 1789. As you read the document, underline the main ideas from the text and try to understand how this document specifically relates to Washington's First Inaugural Address as you fill in the chart below.

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| <p>Mount Vernon April 1st. 1789</p> <p>My dear Sir;</p> <p>The Mail of the 30th. brought me your favor the 23^d. – For which, & the regular information you have had the goodness to transmit of the state of things in New York, I feel myself very much obliged, and thank you accordingly. –</p> <p>I feel for those Members of the new Congress, who, hitherto, have given an unavailing attendance at the theatre of business: – For myself, the delay may be compared to a reprieve; for in confidence I can assure <u>you</u> – with the <u>world</u> it would obtain <u>little credit</u> – that my movements to the chair of Government will be accompanied with feelings not unlike those of a culprit who is going to the place of his execution: so unwilling am I, in the evening of a life nearly consumed in public cares to quit a peaceful abode for an Ocean of difficulties, without that competency of political skill – abilities [<i>inserted</i>: & inclination] which is necessary to manage the helm. – I am sensible, that I am embarking the voice of my Countrymen and a good name of my own, on this voyage, but what returns will be made for them – Heaven alone can foretell. – Integrity & firmness is all I can promise – these, be the voyage long or short, never shall forsake me although I may be deserted by all men. – For of the consolations which are to be derived from these (under any circumstances) the world cannot deprive me. – With best wishes for M^{rs}. Knox, & sincere friendship for yourself – I remain</p> <p>Your Affectionate</p> <p>G^o: Washington</p> | <p>According to Washington's letter to Knox:</p> <p>Washington's feelings about becoming president are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • |
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Making Connections: Document to Document

Primary Document Comparison: Using the graphic organizer below cite the connections and relationships between two documents we have analyzed.

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