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Graphic Organizer for Essay Prompt 1

1) Imagine you are a framer of the Alaska Constitution. Write a two-page, double-spaced persuasive essay explaining how the Constitution of 1955 helped solve the problems of absentee-ownership control of the state's resources, and the failure of the U.S. government to fully comprehend Alaska's unique situation. In your essay, include at least three specific references to the Alaska Constitution as well as three historical events that impacted the Constitution.

Introduction: Explain the serious economic and political problems Alaska faced in 1955, and why the Constitution and Statehood represent a step in the right direction.

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Conclusion: Explain why Alaskans must seize the moment and ratify the Constitution at this point in history.