

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution

Directions: Using the Preamble, written below, underline the terms from the table. Then, write your own definition of what you think each term means.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Preamble Term	Definition in Your Own Words
1. union	
2. justice	
3. insure [ensure]	
4. domestic	
5. tranquility	
6. defence [defense]	
7. welfare	
8. posterity	
9. ordain	

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What are the first three words of the Preamble? What does this phrase mean?

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Goals & Purposes: Complete the chart below by identifying the goals and purposes the Preamble is outlining. Write your own explanation for each of the phrases below.

Using what you have learned from the analysis of the Preamble, explain where the government gets its power and why the six goals and purposes of government are important to include.

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