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Comparing Constitutions- **SAMPLE ANSWERS**

Directions: At each station, answer the question that matches with the part of the constitutions you are comparing.

The Purpose

In one sentence, explain the purpose for establishing both constitutions.

A constitution provides a framework for government, limits government authority, and protects the rights of citizens.

The Preambles

Highlight similarities between the United States Constitution and Florida Constitution preambles.

United States Preamble

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more **perfect** Union, establish Justice, **insure domestic Tranquility**, provide for the common defense, 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.

Florida's Preamble

We, the people of the State of Florida, being grateful to Almighty God for our constitutional **liberty**, in order to **secure** its benefits, **perfect** our government, **insure domestic tranquility**, maintain public order, and guarantee equal civil and political rights to all, **do ordain and establish this constitution**.

Structure

What is the purpose of the *articles* found in the two constitutions?

To outline the structures and powers/functions of government.

What is one difference between the *articles* found in these two documents?

The United States Constitution has seven articles, Florida's has 12.

Amendments and Protection of Rights

	United States	Florida
Total # of amendments	27	144
What part of the document outlines the protected rights of citizens?	Bill of Rights	Declaration of Rights