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## United States Constitution 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.*

### Vocabulary

Preamble- introduction

Union- a group of states or nations united into one political body

Domestic tranquility – peace at home

Welfare – happiness, prosperity for an individual or a group

Posterity – future generations

Ordain – to establish by law

The Preamble - Six Purposes of the United States Government

**Directions:** The following phrases are the six purposes of our Federal government found in the Preamble of the Constitution. Explain the meaning of the phrases in your own words.

1. To form a more perfect union.....

Promote cooperation between the states  
and the national gov't

2. To establish justice.....

make fair laws and treat people equally

3. To ensure domestic tranquility.....

"peace at home" keep communities safe  
from crime + disorder

4. To provide for the common defense.....

prevent attacks from foreign nations

5. To promote the general welfare.....

improve the quality of people's lives

6. To secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.....

allow people to be free from unnecessary  
and unfair laws