

The Preamble to the US Constitution

Aim: What is the meaning behind the Preamble to the US Constitution?

Do Now: Listen to the Song “[The Preamble](#)” by Schoolhouse Rocks. Use the lyrics below to follow along.

Preamble by Schoolhouse Rock

Hey can you tell me about the USA
Do you know about the government
Can you tell me about the constitution
Hey, learn about the USA

In 1787, I'm told our founding fathers did agree,
To write a list of principles for keeping people free
The U.S.A was just starting out a whole brand new country
And so our people spelled it out, the things that we should be

And they put those principle down, and called it the constitution,
and it's been helping us run our country ever since then.
The first part of the constitution is called the preamble, and tells what those founding fathers set out to do.

We the people
In order to form a more perfect union
Establish justice
Ensure domestic tranquility
Provide for the common defense
Promote the general welfare and
Secure the blessing of liberty
To ourselves and our posterity
Do ordain and establish this constitution
For the United States of America

In 1787, I'm told our founding fathers all sat down
And wrote a list of principles
That's known the world around
The U.S.A was just starting out a whole brand new country
And so our people spelled it out
They wanted a land of liberty
And the preamble goes like this:

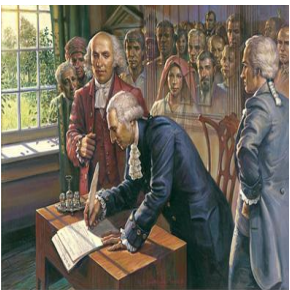
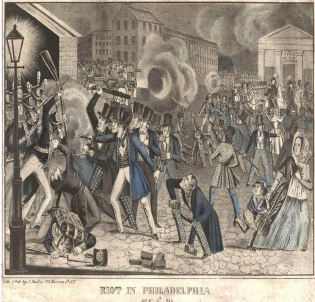
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1. According to the first verse what was the purpose of the Constitution?
2. Which phrase of the Preamble, do you feel, is the most important part? Why?

Preamble:

States the basic purpose and reasons for creating the new government - **** explains authority to rule comes from the () AKA: the people

Assignment: Match the phrases of the Preamble with the images that represent it.

			
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1. We the people
2. In order to form a more perfect union
3. Establish justice
4. Ensure domestic tranquility
5. Provide for the common defense
6. Promote the general welfare
7. And Secure the blessing of liberty To ourselves and our posterity
8. Do ordain and establish this constitution For the United States of America