**THE PREAMBLE**

**Part A: Notes.** Pay attention to the PowerPoint slides and take notes on the presentation. Fill in the blanks next to the corresponding question. The questions go with the PowerPoint labeled “The Preamble (PowerPoint).”

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| **QUESTIONS** | **ANSWERS** |
| What is a preamble? |  |

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| **We the People of the United States,** | |
| Who are we the People? |  |
| What does “We the People” mean? |  |

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| **In order to form a more perfect Union** | |
| What does “Union” mean in the context of the Preamble? |  |
| Explain “in order to form a more perfect Union” in your own words. |  |

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| **Establish justice** | |
| What does “justice” mean? |  |
| Explain “establish justice” in your own words. |  |

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| **Insure domestic tranquility** | |
| What does “domestic” mean? |  |
| What does “tranquility” mean? |  |
| Explain “insure domestic tranquility” in your own words. |  |

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| **Provide for the common defense** | |
| What does “common defense” mean? |  |
| Explain “provide for the common defense” in your own words. |  |

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| **Promote the general welfare** | |
| What does “welfare” mean in the context of the Preamble? |  |
| Explain “promote the general welfare” in your own words. |  |

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| **Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity** | |
| What does “liberty” mean? |  |
| What does “posterity” mean? |  |
| Explain “secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity” in your own words. |  |

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| **Do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.** | |
| What does “ordain” mean? |  |
| Explain “do ordain and establish this Constitution for the USA” in your own words. |  |

**Part B: Multiple Choice.** After taking notes, use what you have learned about the Preamble to answer the following multiple choice questions.

1) Which part of the U.S. Constitution states the purposes of the government?

A) Bill of Rights

B) Article IV

C) Preamble

D) Article I

ANSWER:

2) In the Preamble to the Constitution, what is the meaning of the phrase “We the People?”

A) The people express their will through political parties

B) The people express their will by directly creating laws

C) Government receives taxes from the people and exists to support them

D) Government receives its power from the people and exists to serve them

ANSWER:

3) Why did the Framers include the Preamble as the introduction to the US Constitution?

A) To ensure that the rights of the people were guaranteed

B) To establish the goals and purposes of government

C) To provide for the wellbeing of all citizens

D) To ensure that people were free

ANSWER:

4) Congress passes a law to provide more funding to schools to better keep students safe during the pandemic. Which government purpose identified in the Preamble is reflected in the action?

A) Ensure domestic tranquility

B) Promote the general welfare

C) Secure the blessing of liberty

D) Provide for the common defense

ANSWER:

5) The President orders the military to attack a terrorist base in Iraq in order to prevent an attack on the USA. Which government purpose identified in the Preamble is reflected in the action?

A) Ensure domestic tranquility

B) Promote the general welfare

C) Secure the blessing of liberty

D) Provide for the common defense

ANSWER:

6) The 1st Amendment protects your freedom of speech, press, religion, assembly, and petition. Which government purpose identified in the Preamble is reflected in this amendment?

A) Ensure domestic tranquility

B) Promote the general welfare

C) Secure the blessing of liberty

D) Provide for the common defense

ANSWER:

**Part C: Writing.** Which of the six goals of government found in the Preamble do you think is the most important? Why? Highlight the one that you think is the most important and write at least three sentences to explain your answer, offering an example of why this goal is important. Use our notes and discussion as evidence to help you answer this. Make sure to write this yourself and use your own words; do not copy and paste from the internet!

1) form a more perfect Union

2) establish Justice

3) ensure domestic Tranquility

4) provide for the common defense

5) promote the general Welfare

6) secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity

ANSWER:

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| I think the most important goal or purpose of government is to |

Now take this goal of government and find an image (or images) online that reflects it in some way. Copy and paste it below.