

The Preamble to the Constitution

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.

Six Goals of the Constitution

Directions: In your own words, translate each goal's purpose.

“form a more perfect Union”	a nation where the states are more united/unified - to get the states to work together under one national government
“establish Justice”	determine fairness - laws are applied to every American regardless of race gender, religion, ethnicity, political beliefs, or financial situation
“insure domestic Tranquility”	ability to maintain peace at home - state and local governments can use their own police to enforce national laws. When crimes occur across state borders, national police step in
“provide for the common defense”	raise/support armies and to provide for/maintain a navy - create a national force to protect ourselves
“promote the general Welfare”	support the well-being of all people - collect taxes, put money aside for programs that support the people (unemployment, social security, education, etc.)
“secure the Blessings of Liberty”	what Americans fought for in the American Revolution - freedom to live as you please as long as you obey the laws and respect the rights of others