

Meaning of the Preamble

Be prepared to argue which one of the phrases in the gray highlighted boxes you think is the most important phrase in forming the United States as a more perfect union. Next, discuss which phrase the founders could have left out and have the United States remain the same? Write your notes on the back.

Words of the Preamble	What the words mean
We the people of the United States	US Government was established by the people of the United States for the people
In order to form a more perfect union	A perfect country is impossible, but the desire is to create a country that has as few faults in its system as possible by creating a limited government
Establish justice	Set up a system that is fair to everyone and protects them from an all-powerful government
Insure domestic tranquility	Promise to create a peaceful country where Americans can make their own living and provide for themselves in a safe environment
Provide for the common defense	Protect the people of the country from harm especially from other nations as a united front
Promote the general welfare	Provide opportunities for all citizens to earn a living and provide for their own well being
Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity	Make sure freedom and fairness continues for ourselves, our children and all future generations of this great country
Do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America	Approve of the constitution and declare it as the foundation of the United States government. The people give the country its power, the government serves the people. The constitution establishes itself as the highest law of the land and no American has the right to violate it.