

United States Constitution – Preamble

The United States Constitution was written in 1787. It begins with the “Preamble.” The Preamble explains the purpose of the Constitution.

Some of the words in the Preamble are hard to understand. For each line of the Preamble, work on our own or with your class to re-write each line using words that is easier to understand today. Be careful to use words that have the same meaning as the original!

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.
