

# 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.

<b>“form a more perfect Union”</b>	
<b>“establish Justice”</b>	
<b>“insure domestic Tranquility”</b>	
<b>“provide for the common defense”</b>	
<b>“promote the general Welfare”</b>	
<b>“secure the Blessings of Liberty”</b>	

# How the Six Goals Protect and Defend America

**Directions:** Read each government action. Determine which goal protects and defends the action and write the goal in its box.

**Form a more perfect union | Establish justice | Ensure domestic tranquility | Provide for the common defense | Promote the general welfare | Secure the blessings of liberty**

<p>U.S. troops are sent to Haiti to help maintain order when the government is overthrown.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>	<p>U.S. troops prepare for a raid on an Iraqi town where terrorists are believed to be operating.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>
<p>The Department of Agriculture puts out the food pyramid, which helps people plan a healthy diet.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>	<p>The Treasury Department issues paper money and mints coins.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>
<p>The United States maintains diplomatic relations with about 180 countries around the world.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>	<p>The Transportation Department maintains the nation's interstate highway system.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>
<p>The Veterans Administration operates hospitals where people who have served in the military can receive health care services.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>	<p>An immigration judge rejects the asylum application of a 16-year-old Guatemalan gang member who claimed he would be murdered if he returned to his home country.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>
<p>The Supreme Court hears a case on whether dogs can be used to search for drugs in a car stopped for a traffic violation.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>	<p>Federal prosecutors seek an indictment against a company it believes is using unfair business practices.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>
<p>Armed federal marshals ride on many flights within the United States.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>	<p>Congress passes a law requiring that students be tested regularly to make sure they are meeting achievement standards.</p> <p>Goal: _____</p>