

Reviewing the Preamble with Primary Sources

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Phase from the Preamble	What this phrase means	Document it matches	Why it best matches this document (Suggested documents)
We the People of the United States	Government by consent of the people	2	14 th Amendment – states that all born in or naturalized are citizens of the U.S.
in Order to form a more perfect Union	To improve the government	5	Bill of Rights, Senate Revisions – 1st use of the Constitution’s Article V amendment process
establish Justice	Laws are enforced and all are equal under the law	6	Brown Decision – This court decision ended the practice of “separate but equal” racial segregation in schools
insure domestic Tranquility	To preserve a peaceful society	8	“Freedom From Fear” – peaceful homes are examples of domestic tranquility
provide for the common defense	Prevent foreign powers from harming the U.S.	3	National Security Act, 1947 – After World War II the Federal government provided national protection through a Department of Defense
promote the general Welfare	Promote prosperity and a good life for all	4	National Interstate and Defense Highway Act – Interstate highways economically benefit all the states
Secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves	Insure freedom from tyranny and arbitrary power	1	Petition for Universal Suffrage – Woman suffrage gave female Americans the full rights of citizenship
And our Posterity	To preserve liberty for our descendants	9	Emancipation Proclamation – Slavery was an inherited condition
Do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America	We establish a government as described in this Constitution	7	George Washington’s Draft of the Constitution – an example of the Constitution as it was being formulated