

Reviewing the Preamble with Primary Sources

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Instructions:

1. Explain in your words the meaning of each of the following nine phrases from the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America.
2. Write the number of the document the phrase best matches in the appropriate column of the table. Use each document only once. Note, more than one document might be the correct choice for any match. (More than one answer can be correct if it is explained clearly with evidence.)
3. Briefly explain your reason for each match in the appropriate column.

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			
in Order to form a more perfect Union			
establish Justice			
insure domestic Tranquility			
provide for the common defense			
promote the general Welfare			
Secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves			
And our Posterity			
Do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America			

Guiding Question: What do the phrases of the Preamble say about the government established under the Constitution?

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