

Chart: Goals of the Preamble

Using p. 248 of the textbook for reference, write the Preamble to the Constitution on p. 19 of your notebook. Next, re-create the chart from p.248 and respond to the two questions below the chart.

| A CLOSER LOOK Goals of the Preamble | | |
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| PREAMBLE | EXPLANATION | EXAMPLES |
| "Form a more perfect Union" | Create a nation in which states work together | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. Postal System• U.S. coins, paper money |
| "Establish justice" | Make laws and set up courts that are fair | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Court system• Jury system |
| "Insure domestic tranquility" | Keep peace within the country | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Guard• Federal marshals |
| "Provide for the common defense" | Safeguard the country against attack | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Army• Navy |
| "Promote the general welfare" | Contribute to the happiness and well-being of all the people | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birth certificate• Marriage license |
| "Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity" | Make sure future citizens remain free | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission on Civil Rights• National Council on Disability |

1. Which goal of the Preamble do you think is most important? Why?

2. How does the Preamble reflect the principle of popular sovereignty?