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**The United States Constitution**

What is the purpose?

**Preamble:**

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.

1. “We the people…” Who has the power in the U.S. according to the Constitution?
2. “form a more perfect Union” – What does that mean?
3. “establish justice” – What does that mean?
4. “ensure domestic Tranquility” – What does that mean?
5. “provide for the common defense” – What does that mean
6. “promote the general Welfare” – What does that mean?
7. “secure the Blessing of the Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity” – What does that mean?

***Write a short paraphrase of the Preamble, in your own words.***

How does it break up power?

**Articles**

* **Article I:** Legislative branch
* **Article II:** Executive branch
* **Article III:** Judicial branch
* **Article IV:** Relations among the states
* **Article V:** Amendment process
* **Article VI:** Payment of debt; Supremacy Clause; oaths of office
* **Article VII:** Ratification