

The Preamble:

<p><i>We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union,</i></p>	<p>The idea that the best and most effective government is one that is created by its citizens (“more perfect” - better government than under the Articles of Confederation)</p>
<p><i>Establish Justice,</i></p>	<p>Create a system of fair and equitable laws</p>
<p><i>Insure domestic tranquility,</i></p>	<p>Make sure that everything runs smoothly and peacefully within the nation’s borders (direct response to “Shays’s Rebellion”)</p>
<p><i>Provide for the common defense,</i></p>	<p>Establish and maintain an armed force to protect the nation (shift away from state militias)</p>
<p><i>Promote the general Welfare, and</i></p>	<p>To make laws that encourage the prosperity (economic health) of both the people and the nation</p>
<p><i>Secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity</i></p>	<p>Make sure that the freedoms that were fought for and won in the American Revolution would last for generations to come.</p>
<p><i>Do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America</i></p>	<p>Officially make the Constitution the “law of the land”</p>
<p>What is “Popular Sovereignty?”</p>	<p><i>The idea that the power of government comes from the people of a nation (This is an “Enlightenment Idea”)</i></p>

<u>Article</u>	<u>Description</u>
<p>What is the purpose of Article I?</p> <p>Why was Clause 18 of Section 8 of this Article added to the Constitution?</p>	<p>Outlines / explains the purpose & function of the LEGISLATIVE BRANCH</p> <p>Allows Congress the authority to make laws for situations that may come up in the future</p>
<p>What is the purpose of Article II?</p>	<p>Outlines / explains purpose & function of the EXECUTIVE BRANCH</p>
<p>What is the purpose of Article III?</p> <p>What is <i>Treason</i>?</p>	<p>Explains the purpose & function of the JUDICIAL BRANCH</p> <p>The act of willfully going against your “home” nation – intent to harm (“betrayal”)</p>
<p>What is the MAIN IDEA of Article IV?</p> <p>What are the FOUR (4) parts of Article IV?</p>	<p>Established the Rules for Relations Among the States</p> <p>States must recognize other states’ official documents</p> <p>Guarantees citizenship across state lines & Establishes the duty of <i>Extradition</i> (states must hand over people accused of a crime in another state)</p> <p>Sets up guidelines for admission of new states</p> <p>Guarantees to the states (Republican form of gov’t, protection against invasion, protections against domestic violence when requested)</p>

<p>What topic is discussed in Article V?</p>	<p>Methods of amendment (or “<i>how to make changes to the U.S. Constitution</i>”)</p>
<p>What are the THREE (3) provisions contained in Article VI?</p>	<p>The National government will pay all states debts that were created during the period under the Articles of Confederation</p> <p>The U.S. Constitution is the highest law in the land</p> <p>Establishes the oath of office taken by elected officials</p>
<p>What topic is covered in Article VII?</p>	<p>Ratification of the Constitution (9 out of the original 13 states needed)</p>

