

## Student Worksheet #2: *"We the People and the Constitution's Preamble"* (2 pages)



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1. **The narrator calls the Preamble the "mission statement" of the U.S. government.** What is a mission statement, and why is it important for a government to have one?
2. **The first three words of the Constitution are "We the People."** According to the video, who was originally included in "We the People," and how has that changed over time?
3. **The video explains the idea of popular sovereignty.** What does popular sovereignty mean in your own words? Why is it important that the government's power comes from the people?
4. **The Preamble says the goal is to "form a *more* perfect union."** Why do you think the Framers chose the words *more perfect* instead of simply *perfect*? What does that suggest about the United States?
5. **The Preamble lists six goals for the government.** Give an example for each goal and explain the importance of each.
  - Form a *more* perfect union
  - Establish justice

- Ensure domestic tranquility
  - Provide for the common defense
  - Promote the general welfare
  - Secure the blessings of liberty
6. **The narrator says the Preamble is written in the present tense.** Why do you think that matters? What does it suggest about the role of citizens today?
7. **The video explains that the Constitution has been changed through amendments to make "We the People" include more Americans.** Why is it important for a constitution to be able to change over time?
8. **Think about the final question in the video:** *"What can you do to create a more perfect union?"* What are two actions someone your age could take to improve their school, community, or country?
9. **Imagine you were writing a Preamble for your school or classroom.** What three goals would you include, and why?
10. **After watching this video, what do you think is the single most important message the Preamble is trying to communicate?** Explain your answer with evidence from the video.