



We the Learners...

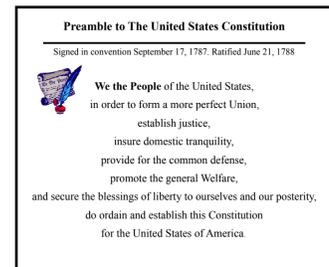
- a classroom/team/individual lesson on how to develop a vision for the culture of a learning environment modeled after the Preamble to the Constitution

Goal: To create and implement a framework for the culture of a group, team, individual, or organization based on the model of the Preamble.

G.E. Practice Connections: 1. Modeling desired behaviors; 2. Use of complete sentences, recitation, and formal speech; 3. Whole group instruction; 5. Critical thinking opportunities; 6. Positive environment; 7. Recitation; 8. Enriched vocabulary; 12. Responsibility; 13. Creed/mission/vision statements; 15. Teacher ensures success; 16. Communication skills; 17. Celebrates and affirms who we are as individuals and as part of a group

Resources:

- [4x4 Preamble to the Constitution Task Cards](#)
- [Read Along with the Constitution Preamble](#) 51 sec. - Includes words for reading along
- [Preamble in Spanish](#) , written; [Preamble in Spanish](#) video 1:48 min. - includes English and Spanish
- [NEA Constitution Day lesson plans](#) - Includes extensive resources for K-12 classroom Images of documents, puzzles, word searches, quizzes, etc. Spanish version available
- [Preamble - Bill of Rights Institute](#) - includes Constitution lesson plans, Constitution Day plans, etc.
- [Constitution Center Interactive Preamble](#) - Contains a variety of classroom resources for teaching the U.S. Constitution
- [Lower Elementary Memorization Strategies](#)
- [Memorization Strategies](#) - Six simple strategies for classroom use
- [Schoolhouse Rock: Constitution Preamble Lyrics](#) - 2:45 min. Song with lyrics
- [School Rock Preamble Song lyrics](#) only video - 42 sec.
- Humorous Video on Preamble: [Barney Fife - The Preamble to the Constitution](#) from the Andy Griffith Show about memorization



Lesson Vocabulary: [preamble](#), [constitution](#), [union](#), [establish](#), [insure](#), [promote](#), [secure](#), [liberty](#), [posterity](#), [ordain](#), etc.

Directions:

1. Prepare to give a brief explanation of the [history and purpose of the U. S. Constitution](#) and preamble. (Timeline: 1 day to 2 weeks) [Constitution Day 2017](#) 4:34 min. video with students reciting and explaining the Preamble
2. Establish [Word Wall](#) or [Lexicon Resource](#) (notebook, index cards, etc.) with lesson vocabulary.
3. Use visual (via technology, book, handout, [task card](#), etc.) of the exact wording of the Constitution as a basis for the vision they have for their classroom/learning community or personally.
4. Read [preamble](#) aloud. Use individual vocabulary cards or post-it notes to arrange the vocabulary in order of use.
5. Create, revise, and refine a **Preamble** (see outline below) and display prominently in the learning environment. Reflect on the words as part of daily routines. Use the wording to redirect negative behaviors and to challenge and inspire.
6. Extensions:
 - Create a video saying the new Preamble.
 - Memorize the Preamble to the Constitution - Use the memorization strategies and songs in the Resource section. The Barney Fife video will add humor to the process.

Preamble to The United States Constitution

Signed in convention September 17, 1787. Ratified June 21, 1788

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.

Learning Community Preamble

We the People of _____,
in order to form a more perfect Union,
establish _____,
insure _____,
provide for the common _____,
promote the general _____,
and secure the _____ for ourselves and our posterity,
do ordain and establish this constitution for our community.

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Learning Community Preamble

We the People of _____,
in order to form a more perfect Union,
establish _____,
insure _____,
provide for the common _____,
promote the general _____,
and secure the _____ for ourselves and our posterity,
do ordain and establish this constitution for our community.

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Family Preamble

We the Family of _____,
in order to form a more perfect Union,
establish _____,
insure _____,
provide for the common _____,
promote the general _____,
and secure the _____ for ourselves and our posterity,
do ordain and establish this constitution for our family.

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Family Preamble

We the Family of _____,
in order to form a more perfect Union,
establish _____,
insure _____,
provide for the common _____,
promote the general _____,
and secure the _____ for ourselves and our posterity,
do ordain and establish this constitution for our family.

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My Preamble



I, _____, of _____,
Name
in order to form a more perfect culture of respect,
establish _____,
insure _____,
provide for the common _____,
promote the general _____,
and secure the _____ for me and my posterity,
do ordain and establish this constitution for me.



My Preamble



I, _____, of _____,
Name
in order to form a more perfect culture of respect,
establish _____,
insure _____,
provide for the common _____,
promote the general _____,
and secure the _____ for me and my posterity,
do ordain and establish this constitution for me.