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The Preamble

The Preamble is a 52-word sentence that introduces the Constitution. This very long sentence explains the purpose for writing the Constitution. Read the Preamble; then follow the directions below.



Find the meaning of each word below in a dictionary. Use the context of the Preamble above to pick the best definition for each word. Write the definitions in the appropriate boxes.

1. Union: _____ _____ _____	4. tranquility: _____ _____ _____	7. general: _____ _____ _____	10. posterity: _____ _____ _____
2. justice: _____ _____ _____	5. common: _____ _____ _____	8. welfare: _____ _____ _____	11. ordain: _____ _____ _____
3. domestic: _____ _____ _____	6. defense: _____ _____ _____	9. secure: _____ _____ _____	12. establish: _____ _____ _____

Now it's your turn to update the Preamble. Use the definitions above to help you write a more modern version of the Preamble in the space below.
