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THE PREAMBLE

The preamble is the introduction to the United States Constitution. It explains what the Constitution is supposed to do and what the goals of the government should be.

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Read the preamble out loud and highlight the 6 different purposes of the Constitution. Circle all the words that are difficult to understand.

Now let's make it a little easier to understand by defining these words:

JUSTICE	→	FAIRNESS
DOMESTIC	→	AT HOME OR INSIDE THE COUNTRY
TRANQUILITY	→	PEACE
WELFARE	→	WELL-BEING
LIBERTY	→	FREEDOM
POSTERITY	→	CHILDREN
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Lets break down the Preamble so it's easier to understand. Below is the 6 different goals of government that the Preamble lays out.

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GOALS OF GOVERNMENT

As Americans we will make a strong country,

provide fairness for all,

maintain a peace inside the country,

protect everyone from an outside attack,

care for the health and safety of our citizens,

guard our freedoms now and for future generations.

Now without looking can you write down underneath the illustrations what the 6 **goals of government** the preamble lays out?

