

The Preamble of the US Constitution

Headnote: *In 1787, the Constitutional Convention was formed in order to correct problems found with the Articles of Confederation, the first framework of government in the United States. The delegates soon realized that there were too many problems with the old government and that they needed to start over. The new document they wrote started with the Preamble.*

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, 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.

Attribution: *This is the first paragraph of the US Constitution. Written at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 in Pennsylvania.*