It’s Constitution Day!
September 17
What is the Constitution?

The Constitution is a piece of paper that details how the United States of America works.

The **U.S. Constitution** was written in 1787 to set the rules and laws of the United States.

The **Preamble** is the first part that tells why they wrote it.
Schoolhouse Rock: The Constitution

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Read or sing the words of the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. Discuss the meanings of the words in red.

*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.
What do these words mean?

- more perfect Union
- justice
- domestic tranquility
- general welfare
- liberty
- posterity