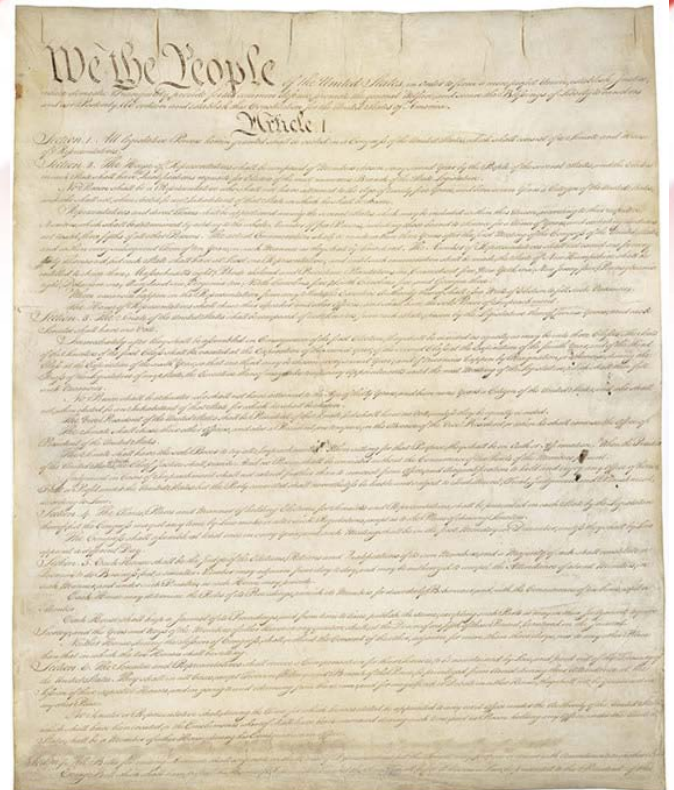


*It's  
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# What is the Constitution?

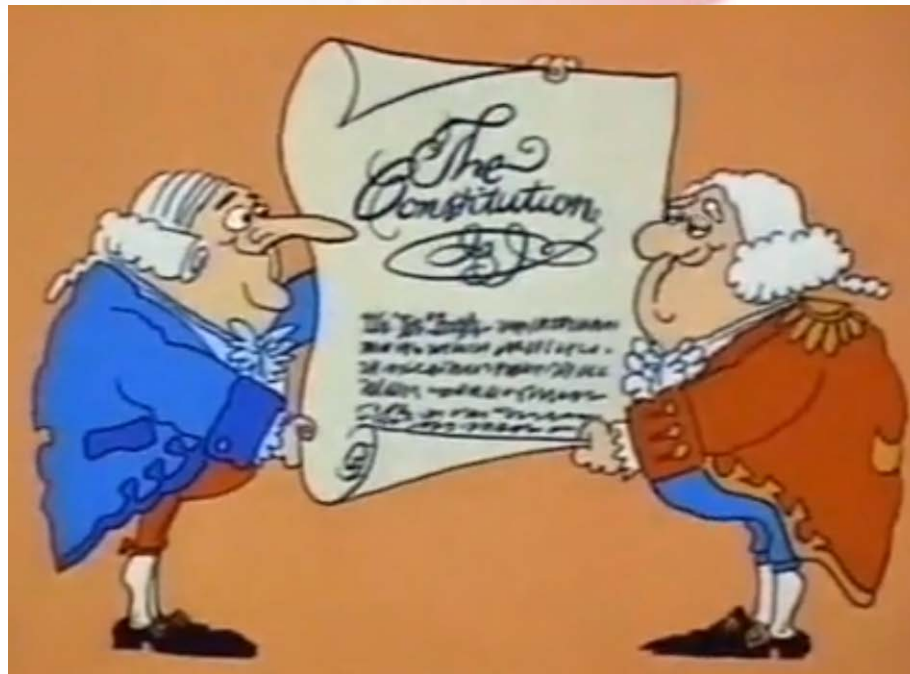
The Constitution is a piece of paper that details how the United States of America works.

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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The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The stars are in the upper left corner, and the stripes run diagonally across the frame.

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.*

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# What do these words mean?

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