



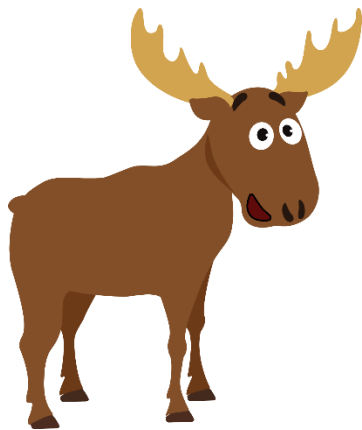
Should we learn New Hampshire history?

Where can you find the first presidential primary, a mountain more than a mile high, and early factories that ran on water power? And what if in this place, you could go to the mountains and the ocean in one day—and visit a lake in between? Would you go there and learn about it? New Hampshire’s history goes back more than 12,000 years when the Abenaki created complex societies. It was one of the original 13 colonies, and its people fought in the Revolutionary War. Then, people from all over the world immigrated to New Hampshire and helped create the state we know today. Everyone who lives in New Hampshire should learn about its history.





**We the People of the United States
do ordain and establish this Constitution
for the United States of America.**



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Definitions	Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ordain: proclaim, declare, announce• establish: start, create, begin• constitution: a document describing the organization, basic ideas, and laws of a nation, state, or other group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is announcing and starting this constitution? Who gives it power?• For what are they starting the constitution? How is this different than in the past?

The people, not the king, of the United States, not united colonies, do announce and create these ideas and laws in writing to organize a government for the United States of America.



Full preamble to the Constitution of the United States:

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.



Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

We the People of the United States, in Order to

- 1. form a more perfect Union,**
- 2. establish Justice,**
- 3. insure domestic Tranquility,**
- 4. provide for the common defense,**
- 5. promote the general Welfare, and**
- 6. secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,**

**do ordain and establish this Constitution for the
United States of America.**





Name _____

The Six Purposes of the Constitution

1: "form a more perfect Union"

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does "form a more perfect Union" mean to you?	
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Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

4. What does this purpose, "form a more perfect Union," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.





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The Six Purposes of the Constitution

2: "establish Justice"

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2. Put the phrase in your own words

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4. What does this purpose, "establish Justice," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.





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The Six Purposes of the Constitution

3: “insure domestic Tranquility”

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does “insure domestic Tranquility” mean to you?	
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Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

4. What does this purpose, "insure domestic Tranquility," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.





Name _____

The Six Purposes of the Constitution

4: "provide for the common defense"

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does "provide for the common defense" mean to you?	
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The Six Purposes of the Constitution

5: “promote the general Welfare”

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does “promote the general Welfare” mean to you?	
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The Six Purposes of the Constitution

6: “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity”

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition

2. Put the phrase in your own words

<p>What does “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity” mean to you?</p>	
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Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

4. What does this purpose, "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.





The Six Purposes of the Constitution

1: "form a more perfect Union"

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition
Union	When things are put together to make one, like states

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does "form a more perfect Union" mean to you?	I think it means that the writers didn't like the way it had been in the past and they wanted to make a country that was better than what was before. They wanted to put the states together to make a country as strong and healthy as possible.
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3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

The colonies had just fought a war of independence so that they could have the right to put the states together in their own country. Also, I know that the United States was broken up during the Civil War, which is another example of when the union wasn't good. I know too that as the United States grew, different states joined at different times.

4. What does this purpose, "form a more perfect Union," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.

Answers will vary.



Name _____ Answer Key: possible responses _____

The Six Purposes of the Constitution

2: “establish Justice”

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition
establish	To start and build
Justice	Fair and right behavior or treatment

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does “establish Justice” mean to you?	I think this means that the writers wanted to create a country and build a place where people were treated fairly. Hopefully, too, the people would behave in an honest way.
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3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

I think that the colonists did not feel like they were treated fairly by King George III, especially because they didn't get a say in how they were governed. I think they wanted to create a country where the government had to behave fairly. Today, people are still not treated fairly if they are discriminated against for their race or handicap or something else, but we do have laws that try to treat people fairly.

4. What does this purpose, "establish Justice," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.

Answers will vary.



The Six Purposes of the Constitution

3: “insure domestic Tranquility”

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition
insure	To make certain
domestic	Happening inside a country or a home
Tranquility	Being calm and peaceful

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does “insure domestic Tranquility” mean to you?	I think it means that the writers want to make sure they have a peaceful and well-run country. They want to make sure the people and the states don't argue with each other and have fights in the country.
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3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

I know that there was fighting in the United States during the Civil War. I know that some of the colonies were arguing with each other when they were finishing the Revolutionary War because they were trying to figure out who would have the power and how they would run things. Today, there are more states and sometimes the people in them do not get along, like Democrats and Republicans. I think the writers were trying to make a country and states that would be as peaceful as possible.

4. What does this purpose, "insure domestic Tranquility," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.

Answers will vary.



The Six Purposes of the Constitution

4: "provide for the common defense"

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition
provide	Make available
common	Shared by everyone
defense	Resisting attack

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does "provide for the common defense" mean to you?	I think this means that the writers wanted to make sure the country they were creating would defend all the states and people from attack. This probably means that they were worried other countries could attack the new country. They would have to have armed forces and be a strong country.
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Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

I know the colonies worked together during the Revolutionary War to fight Great Britain, and they probably wanted to make sure the states would work together to defend themselves too. I know that the United States has been involved in two world wars and some other conflicts so we do defend ourselves. The United States does have a strong military that defends the people.

4. What does this purpose, "provide for the common defense," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.

Answers will vary.



The Six Purposes of the Constitution

5: “promote the general Welfare”

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition
promote	Support and encourage
general	Including most everyone or everything
Welfare	The health and happiness of a group

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does “promote the general Welfare” mean to you?	I think this means that the writers wanted to make sure the new government supported the happiness and wellbeing of the people. They wanted to make sure the people in the new country felt like they mattered and wanted the best for them.
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Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

Some examples of this are when people get money from the government for things like food and healthcare. The government also provides public school for students and roads for people. I think the general welfare can mean all of these things and more.

4. What does this purpose, "promote the general Welfare," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.

Answers will vary.



The Six Purposes of the Constitution

6: “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity”

1. Define words you don't understand

Word	Definition
secure	To make sure not to lose
Blessings	Something that makes you happy or healthy
Liberty	Being able to do what you want without control from someone else
Posterity	Future generations

2. Put the phrase in your own words

What does “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity” mean to you?	I think it means that the writers wanted to have freedom for themselves and their families for now and the future. I think that they thought liberty brings a lot of good things to people and they wanted the people in the country, now and in the future, to have those good things.
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Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

3. What are some examples of this purpose, either in today's world or right after the Revolutionary War?

The blessings of liberty can be a lot of things. The right to vote is a blessing of liberty, and the right to freedom of religion and the press. The right to our court system is a blessing of liberty, when a lawyer takes someone in front of a judge and tells them what they are being charged with. Having people representing us in government and protecting our rights is also a blessing of liberty.

4. What does this purpose, "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," look like? Draw it using examples or explanations to show this idea.

Answers will vary.

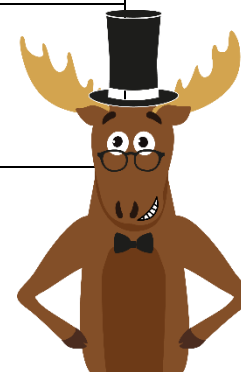


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Name _____

The Preamble in My Own Words

Purpose	What does it mean?	What are some examples of this?
form a more perfect Union		
establish Justice		
insure domestic Tranquility		
provide for the common defense		
promote the general Welfare		
secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity		





Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

Reflection

“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.”

1. Write it in your own words:

2. Which purpose do you think is the most essential for the people? Why?

3. Which purpose do you think is the most essential for the government? Why?

4. Which purpose do you think is the most essential for the nation as a whole? Why?



Name _____ Answer Key: possible responses _____

The Preamble in My Own Words

Purpose	What does it mean?	What are some examples of this?
form a more perfect Union	To come together to make a good country	The colonies coming together to make the United States or the opposite of the Civil War
establish Justice	To make things fair and honest	Making everyone obey the same laws, not having a king who can do whatever he wants
insure domestic Tranquility	Make sure states and people are peaceful together	Having courts where people can settle their disagreements, having police to keep the peace
provide for the common defense	Defend the country from outside attacks	When the United States was attacked on 9/11, the military helped defend us
promote the general Welfare	Support the health and happiness of the people	Being safe, having shelter and food, jobs and education
secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity	Make sure that everyone now and in future generations can have the good things liberty gives us	Being able to vote, to say what we think, being able to gather with friends and family



Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

Reflection

“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.”

1. Write it in your own words:

All the people in the United States, to come together to make a good country, make it fair and honest, keep peace among the states and people, defend against attacks from outside, help everyone be healthy and happy, and get the good things that come from liberty for us and our children, do announce and create this document describing the organization, basic ideas, and laws of the United States of America.

2. Which purpose do you think is the most essential for the people? Why?

Answers will vary. Possible response: I think establish justice is what’s most essential for the people because having the country be fair and honest for everyone will help them get the other things.

3. Which purpose do you think is the most essential for the government? Why?

Answers will vary. Possible response: I think provide for the common defense is the most essential for the government because the people can’t do that without help. They can work for justice or try to be healthy, but the people need the government to defend them from outside attack.

4. Which purpose do you think is the most essential for the nation as a whole? Why?

Answers will vary. Possible response: I think securing the blessings of liberty for us and future generations is the most essential for the whole nation because that’s like saying that the nation with liberty will last for a long time. This can be a summary of some of the other purposes.

Name _____

Comparing Preambles

Read the two preambles and use the Venn diagram on the next page to compare the language and purposes of the preambles.

Preamble of the U.S. Constitution		Preamble of the N.H. Constitution (Part 1, Article 1)
<p>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.</p>		<p>All men are born equally free and independent; Therefore, all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good.</p>



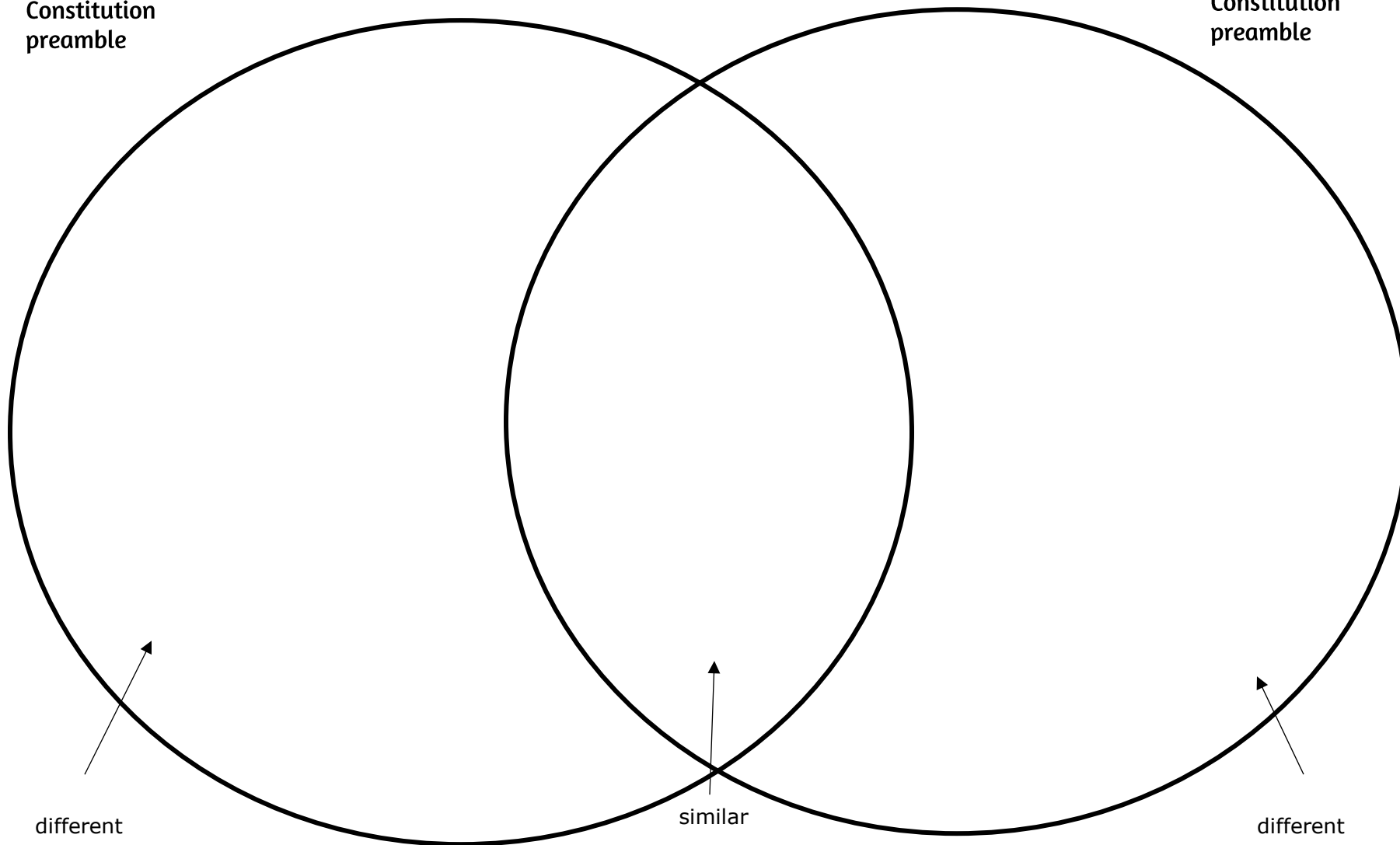


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Venn diagram: Comparing Preambles

U.S.
Constitution
preamble

N.H.
Constitution
preamble



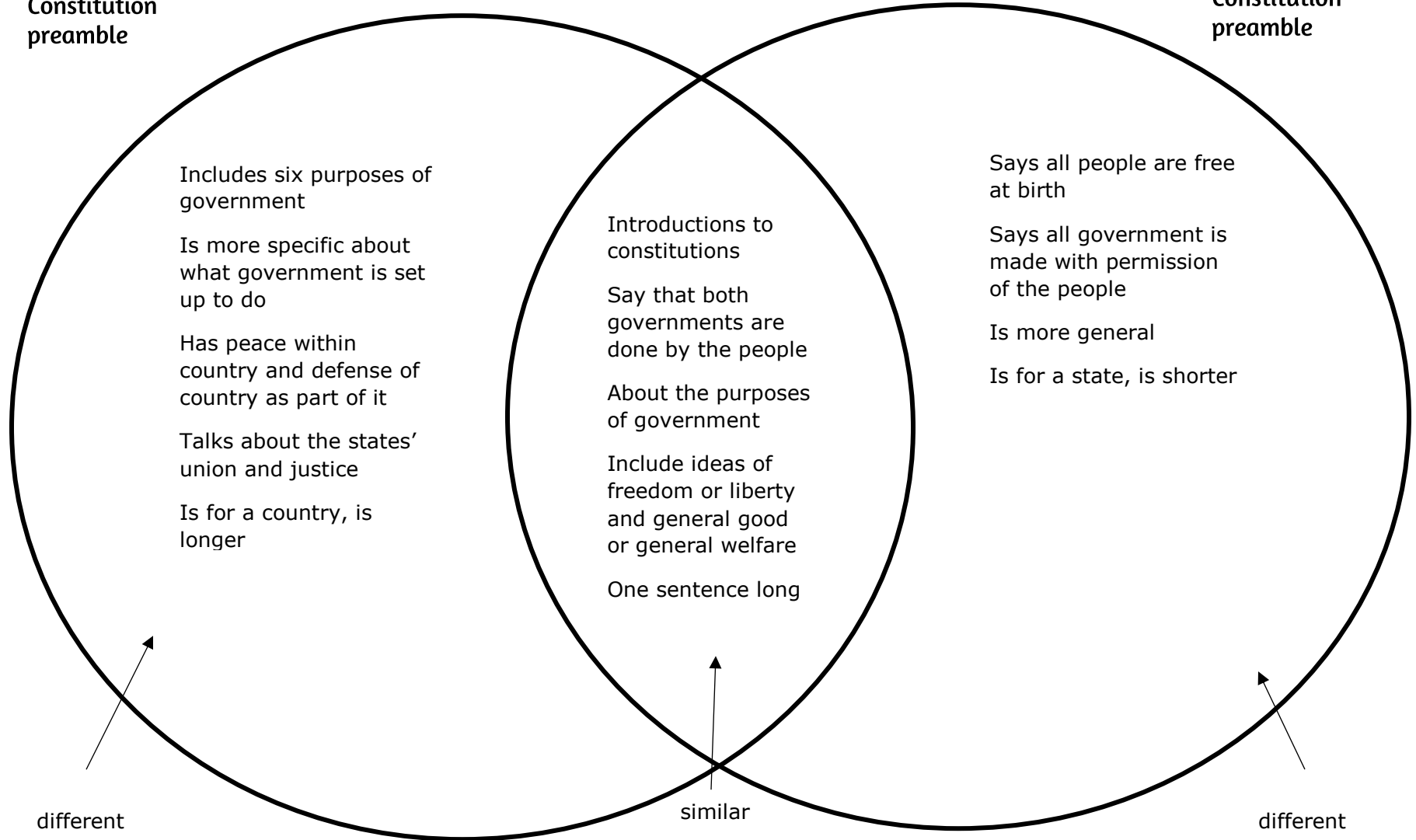


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Venn diagram: Comparing Preambles Answer Key

**U.S.
Constitution
preamble**

**N.H.
Constitution
preamble**





Lesson 6.3: Understanding the Preamble

Name _____

What's the Danger?

Purpose in the preamble	What does it mean?	Why did the Founding Fathers include this idea? What were they trying to prevent?
form a more perfect Union		
establish Justice		
insure domestic Tranquility		
provide for the common defense		
promote the general Welfare		
secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity		



What's the Danger?

Purpose in the preamble	What does it mean?	Why did the Founding Fathers include this idea? What were they trying to prevent?
form a more perfect Union	To come together to make a good country	They were trying to prevent a weak union of states or of the union falling apart.
establish Justice	To make things fair and honest	They were trying to make sure people weren't treated unfairly, or if they felt like they were treated unfairly, they had ways to try to solve it.
insure domestic Tranquility	Make sure states and people are peaceful together	They were trying to prevent people from fighting together and the states from fighting.
provide for the common defense	Defend the country from outside attacks	They wanted to prevent the country from being attacked and not being able to defend itself, and maybe from being taken over by another country.
promote the general Welfare	Support the health and happiness of the people	They wanted to prevent some people from having all the resources and not sharing them. They were trying to prevent some people from having nothing and not getting a chance to have a good life.
secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity	Make sure that everyone now and in future generations can have the good things liberty gives us	They were trying to prevent people from losing their liberty. They were also trying to prevent future people losing the protections of the government they set up.