



Preamble Synonyms

Learning Objectives: The student will

1. Have an opportunity to work together as a team;
2. Interpret the meaning of the Preamble to the US. Constitution using synonyms.

TEKS: 8:15; Govt 7B

Materials Needed: Preamble goals strips, synonym strips, PowerPoint slides, student handout.

Vocabulary: Preamble, union, domestic tranquility, general welfare, ordain, and establish

Teaching Strategy # 1:

1. Divide the class into small groups.
2. Show the provided PowerPoint slide "6 Goals of the Preamble"
3. Assign each group a number 1-6 (the number represents a goal of the Preamble). Each group will read their assigned goal on the left of the slide (students should pay attention to the bolded word or words in their assigned goal). Using the synonym list on the right side of the slide, the group will decide which synonym could replace the bolded word or words in the goal.
4. Have students read aloud both the original goal and the new goal with the synonym words to check for understanding.
5. Students will fill in the student handout as a take away.

Teaching Strategy #2:

1. Divide the class into small groups.
2. Pass out the 6 Goals of the Preamble cards and ask the group to put them in order.
3. Once the 6 goals of the Preamble are in order, ask students to match the synonym or synonyms that would best replace the bolded words on the Preamble goal card.
4. Have students read aloud both the original goal and the new goal with the synonym words to check for understanding. Students could do this as a choral reading.
5. Students will fill in the student handout as a take away.

Extension or Differentiation Ideas:

- Ask students to come up with their own synonyms to replace the bold words on the 6 Goals of the Preamble strips.
- Ask students to create posters with visuals to represent each goal of the Preamble of the Constitution.

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.

Preamble, U.S. Constitution

The Preamble of the U.S. Constitution includes six goals. Using the word bank at the bottom of the page, match the correct synonym to the bold word in each of the six goals of the Preamble. Rewrite the goal replacing the bold word with the correctly matched synonym.

1. In order to **form** a more perfect **union**

2. Establish **justice**

3. Insure **domestic tranquility**

4. Provide for the common **defense**

5. Promote the general **welfare**

6. Secure the blessings of **liberty** for ourselves and our **posterity**

Synonym Word Bank:

home
fairness
country

freedom
future children
create

safety
peace
well being