



## Fun Trivia to Celebrate Independence Day

*The Preamble to the Constitution* is one long amazing sentence separated by commas. Many will remember having to memorize it when they were in school. However, not many actually understood what they were memorizing.

Think back. Did you have to memorize the *Preamble to the Constitution*? Did you fully understand it? Here's a little quiz to see how much you remember.

### What is the "The Preamble to the Constitution"?

- A. Patriotic song
- B. An introduction to the Constitution
- C. An amendment

### What does the title "The Preamble to the Constitution" mean?

- A. Before you walk through the constitution
- B. It's about the different laws in the Constitution
- C. It has nothing to do with the U.S. Constitution

### What does the opening phrase "We the people of the United States" mean?

- A. It's about the people who wrote the Constitution
- B. A select group of people in our country
- C. All of the people in our country

### What does the phrase "in order to form a more perfect union" mean?

- A. The purpose of the Constitution is to create a better system of government connecting the states into a single united country
- B. The purpose of the Constitution is for each state to be independent
- C. Neither a nor b

**What does the phrase “establish justice” mean?**

- A. To set up a system that is fair
- B. To be sure that there are enough police in certain states
- C. Neither a nor b

**What does the phrase “insure domestic tranquility” mean?**

- A. To make sure that everyone stops work at 4:00 PM to take a nap
- B. To make sure that people in our country get along
- C. To make sure everyone gets along with their friends

**What does the phrase “provide for the common defense” mean?**

- A. To do what is necessary to protect the country from its enemies
- B. To give every household an alarm system
- C. Neither a nor b

**What does the phrase “promote the general welfare” mean?**

- A. To move the country in a direction that will improve the lives of some
- B. To move the country in a direction that will improve the lives of its citizens so they'll fare well
- C. Everyone's out for himself

**What does the phrase “and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity” mean?**

- A. To be sure that the citizens will be blessed with freedom during their lifetimes
- B. To be sure that the citizens' children and their children, etc. will always be blessed with freedom
- C. Both a and b

**What does the phrase “do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America” mean?**

- A. Order people not to follow the Constitution
- B. Officially authorize the new form of government under a set of rules, known as the Constitution
- C. The country should write a constitution

Answers: 1. b; 2. a; 3. c; 4. a; 5. a; 6. b; 7. a; 8. b; 9. c; 10. b