

# *Preamble to the United States 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  
defence, 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.*

## Six Big Ideas of the Constitution

Limited Government

Republicanism

Checks and Balances

Federalism

Separation of Powers

Popular Sovereignty