

Functions of the Government iMovie Storyboard

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure 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.

The Preamble to the United States Constitution serves as a way to talk about the functions of our government. In this video, we will discuss the six functions of our government, by dissecting the Preamble to our Constitution.

1. To form a more perfect Union
 - a. This simply means that the Union is better than any before the Constitution. At this time, every state worked by themselves, instead of working together for the better of themselves.
2. Establish Justice
 - a. Means to establish the rule of law. Every human is equal before the law, and the status or wealth of a person had no correlation with the laws set forth. In simple terms, they wanted to establish fairness, and every law that is created is the same for every single American.
3. Insure domestic Tranquility
 - a. Means that it is our governments duty to protect us as United States citizens. It is also the governments duty to establish the enforcers of the laws that they create. For an example, a police officer's duty is to enforce laws, and protect the citizens.
4. Provide for the common defense
 - a. Means that the government makes sure that all states are protected, just in case they were to be attacked. With this function, the government needed to establish national defense. An example of this, would be the military. Their job is to protect the United States.
5. Promote the general welfare
 - a. This function of government seems to be the most important. This means that the government must spend the money that they receive on things that will be good for the entire United States, not just part of it. An example of this would be the creation of Post Offices, and the funding of mail carriers that deliver mail to your home.
6. Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.
 - a. This limits the power to our government. This function requires the government to protect the citizens of the United States, and it concerns states' rights, not individual people's rights. Posterity means the generations of people to follow, so these rights not only apply to people now, but will also apply to their grandchildren and so on.

