Purpose of Government

**Brainstorm**; What are all of the things that government does?

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The Preamble to the Constitution is essentially the introduction which outlines the writers’ agreed upon values and the purpose of government.

Preamble to the Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union,

**Directions:** As you jam out to School House Rock, interpret the words of the Preamble with a partner. What does each line require the government to do? For example, what does the government have to do in order to ‘establish justice’?

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.