

THE PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION



THE PREAMBLE TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION “WHO ARE WE?”

Guiding Questions:

- What do you think of when you read or hear the phrase “We The People?”
- What do you think the Founding Fathers meant when they wrote those three words and what do you think is the relevance of the phrase today?
- What significance is there to the three words WE THE PEOPLE? Why is it important to understand the phrase and its’ significance?

Historical Background:

After years of struggle for independence from Great Britain, the men who would later be known as the Founding fathers gathered in Philadelphia in 1787 to form a government that would not only strengthen the new nation, but unify it. The Founding fathers realized that the country needed a stronger government than the one that had been established following the Revolutionary War. They carefully considered what that government should stand before crafting the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution, the central document of our democracy, along with the Bill of Rights has guided our nation’s government and people ever since.