



The U.S.

- Even though there are 50 states, the Federal law, law made in Washington D.C. still applies to all of the states.

The Past

- Under the Articles of Confederation, the capitol and Federal Government did not have that much power.
- The states and their laws had most of the power, not the Federal government

State Power!

- Each state kind of worked as a mini-country within the United States
- Examples of state power:
 - Rhode Island printed their own money
 - Delaware had huge import duties
 - Virginia had its own army

Federal Government with No Power!

- What would the class be like if each table had their own rules?
- The Federal Government had no power because the States had all of the power!



Oh No!

- Many people were worried that there were so many different laws.
- A group of people wanted to create a stronger Federal Government to make things easier to figure out

Constitution was Born

This group, called the Framers of the Constitution, created the Constitution.



The Preamble



The Framers decided the first lines of the Constitution would explain why the Constitution was created.

The Preamble

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, 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.

Preamble



We the People of the United States in order to form a more perfect Union...
The citizens of the United States are creating the Constitution to make a better country.

The Preamble



establish Justice
with justice and fairness for all people

The Preamble

insure domestic Tranquility,
to make sure there is calmness and peace in the United States



The Preamble



- *provide for the common defense,*
- *To make sure the whole country is protected by one army.*

The Preamble



- *promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,*
- *To make sure that every person's interests are watched out for, and to make sure that freedom for ourselves and our future family is guaranteed as well.*

The Preamble



- *do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*
- *This is why we are creating the Constitution for the United States.*

E pluribus unum



- *Out of many, One!*
- *There are so many different areas, people, traditions, but together we make one country.*