



*Constitutional Principles and  
Structures: SS.7.CG.1.8*  
**U.S. Constitution Preamble**  
**READING GUIDE #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reading: The Preamble: An Introduction to the Constitution**

**Benchmark Clarification 1:** Students will explain how the Preamble serves as an introduction to the U.S. Constitution (e.g., establishing the goals and purposes of government).

Reading Task	Response
What ideas are presented in the reading?	
What is the central idea of the reading?	
Select two words or phrases that support the central idea.	
How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before?	
What is the purpose of the Preamble in the U.S. Constitution?	The purpose of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution is: