**Ch 9: The Constitution: A More Perfect Union**

**How Has the Constitution Created “a more Perfect Union”?**

**9.1 Introduction**

1. What task did Delegates have when they left Independence Hall in September 1787?
2. What did the framers want when writing the Constitution?
3. How is the Constitution Organized?
   * Short \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Divided into parts called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are split into numbered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. How can the structure help you find information in the Constitution?
5. What is one of the marvels of the Constitution?
6. How is the Constitution both strong and flexible?
7. **What do you think is the most important idea from this section of the reading? What makes it important?**
8. **Write a 3 sentence summary of this section of the chapter**

**9.2 The Preamble Tell the Goals of the Government**

1. What does the Preamble explain?

For each Phrase of 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 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”***

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| Phrase | Meaning (from the textbook) | Example  (prior knowledge/personal experience) |
| ***“We the People of the United States,”*** | Power did not come from:  It comes from:  **Popular sovereignty**: |  |
| ***“in Order to form a more perfect Union”*** |  |  |
| ***“establish Justice,”*** |  |  |
| ***“insure domestic Tranquility”*** | Domestic:  Tranquility:  It is the government’s job… |  |
| ***“provide for the common defence”*** |  |  |
| ***“promote the general Welfare”*** |  |  |
| ***“secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity”*** | Posterity:  It’s the government’s job to protect… |  |

1. **Answer in a well-organized paragraph.** Which of the goals for government found in the Preamble do you think the United States is doing the best job of upholding for Americans today? Why? Use specific examples to support your answer.
2. **Answer in a well-organized paragraph.**  Which of the goals for government found in the Preamble do you think the United States needs to do a better job of upholding for American today? Why? Use specific examples to support your answer.
3. **Write a 3 sentence summary of this section of the chapter**