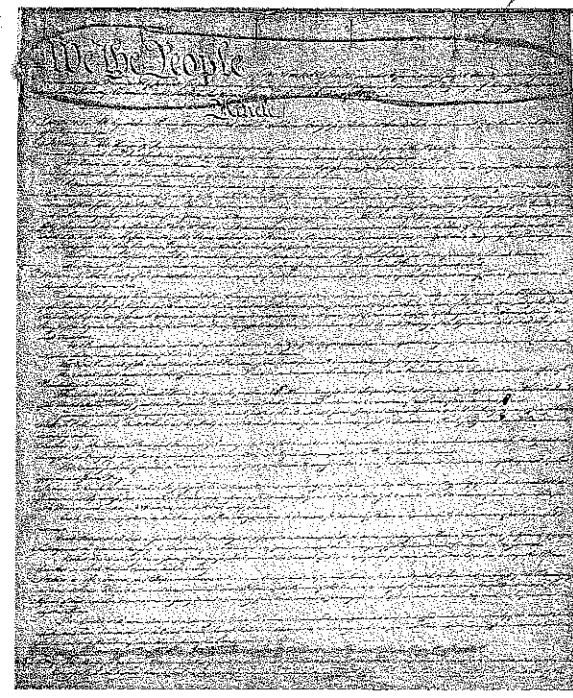


The Constitution

Written document that explains our government

The PREAMBLE is the introduction to the constitution.



Highest law of the land!

Explains how laws will be made

Purposes

places limits on our government so that people have certain rights cannot be taken away.

Describes how the government is organized

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Our Federal Government – Sample Completed Chart

	<u>A Republic</u>	<u>A Constitutional Government</u>
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>People hold the power</u> of government• <u>Representatives</u> are chosen to make decisions for the people• Representatives responsible to help all the people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A <u>constitution</u> explains how the government is organized and run• Limits on the power of the government• everybody has to obey the laws, even people running the government
Related Core Democratic Values and Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Popular sovereignty• Representative government• The common good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited government• Individual rights• Rule of law
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representatives serve the common good• More efficient than having everybody try to make decisions• The people maintain power through their representatives• People can vote out representatives who don't listen to them	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limits on the power of government helps to protect individual rights• There is a clear plan for how the government will run.

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