US Constitution: Preamble to the Constitution

Inference Exercise

In analyzing the human condition, we make sense of all the tons of information by filtering through it and identifying what is significant. **Social science factors** –as constantly reoccurring basic human dynamics – are important to recognize regardless of how they are described. In the Preamble to the Constitution, you can infer political, economic, social, and cultural factors.

As you examine the Preamble, refer to the chart— Social Science Factors. Using a think-pair-share:

- 1) Think for yourself. Read through and identify factors —either stated or implied. Highlight the actual word if it is used or key words in each quote that determined the factor you inferred.
- 2) Pair up to compare your work and finish together those that were more difficult.
- 3) Share with the class, your partner's responses and reasoning, and highlights of ideas you two discussed.

	Quotes Highlight key words that determined →	Factors the concepts inferred
а	We the People of the United States	world: factor:
b	in Order to form a more perfect Union	world: factor:
С	establish Justice	world: factor:
d	insure domestic Tranquility	world: factor:
e	provide for the common defence	world: factor:
f	promote the general Welfare	world: factor:
g	and secure the Blessings of Liberty	world: factor:
h	to ourselves and our Posterity	world: factor:
i	do ordain and establish this Constitution	world: factor:
j	for the United States of America	world: factor:

Source for quotes: The Constitution of the United States of America

US Constitution: The Preamble & Functions of Government

Use a 4W chart to make a pre-write outline: How does the Preamble to the Constitution reflect factors in each world?

Overlay the influence of GEOGRAPHY and TECHNOLOGY

Political World • type of government • legal system • military	Economic Worl • types of labor & work • production process • goods & services
Social World • how people are organized • civil society	Cultural Worl • daily life • beliefs • the arts

Four Worlds analytical framework by Steven Lamy, Professor of International Relations, USC | Four Worlds of History adapted by Sandy Line, Consultant & Teresa Hudock, CALIS, USC.