

# Preamble Comparison Handout

## Indiana 1816 Constitution

We the Representatives of the people of the Territory of Indiana, in Convention met, at Corydon, on Monday the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States, the fortieth, having the right of admission into the General Government, as a member of the union, consistent with the constitution of the United States, the ordinance of Congress of one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, and the law of Congress, entitle "An act to enable the people of the Indiana Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such state into the union, on an equal footing with the original States" in order to **establish Justice, promote the welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty** to ourselves and our posterity; do ordain and establish the following constitution or form of Government, and do mutually agree with each other to form ourselves into a free and Independent state, by the name of the State of Indiana.

Establish Justice	Promote the Welfare	Secure the Blessings of Liberty
<i>What does this goal mean in your words?</i>	<i>What does this goal mean in your words?</i>	<i>What does this goal mean in your words?</i>

## Indiana 1851 Constitution

TO THE END, that **justice be established, public order maintained, and liberty perpetuated;** WE, THE PEOPLE of the STATE OF INDIANA, grateful to ALMIGHTY GOD for the free exercise of the **right to choose our own form of government,** do ordain this CONSTITUTION.

Justice be Established	Public Order Maintained	Liberty Perpetuated	Right to Choose our own form of government
	<i>What does this goal mean in your words?</i>		<i>What does this goal mean in your words?</i>

# United States 1789 Constitution

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.

<b>More Perfect Union</b>	<b>Establish Justice</b>	<b>Insure Domestic Tranquility</b>
<i>What does this goal mean in your words?</i>		<i>What does this goal mean in your words?</i>
<b>Common Defense</b>	<b>General Welfare</b>	<b>Secure the Blessings of Liberty</b>
<i>What does this goal mean in your words?</i>		