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The Constitution

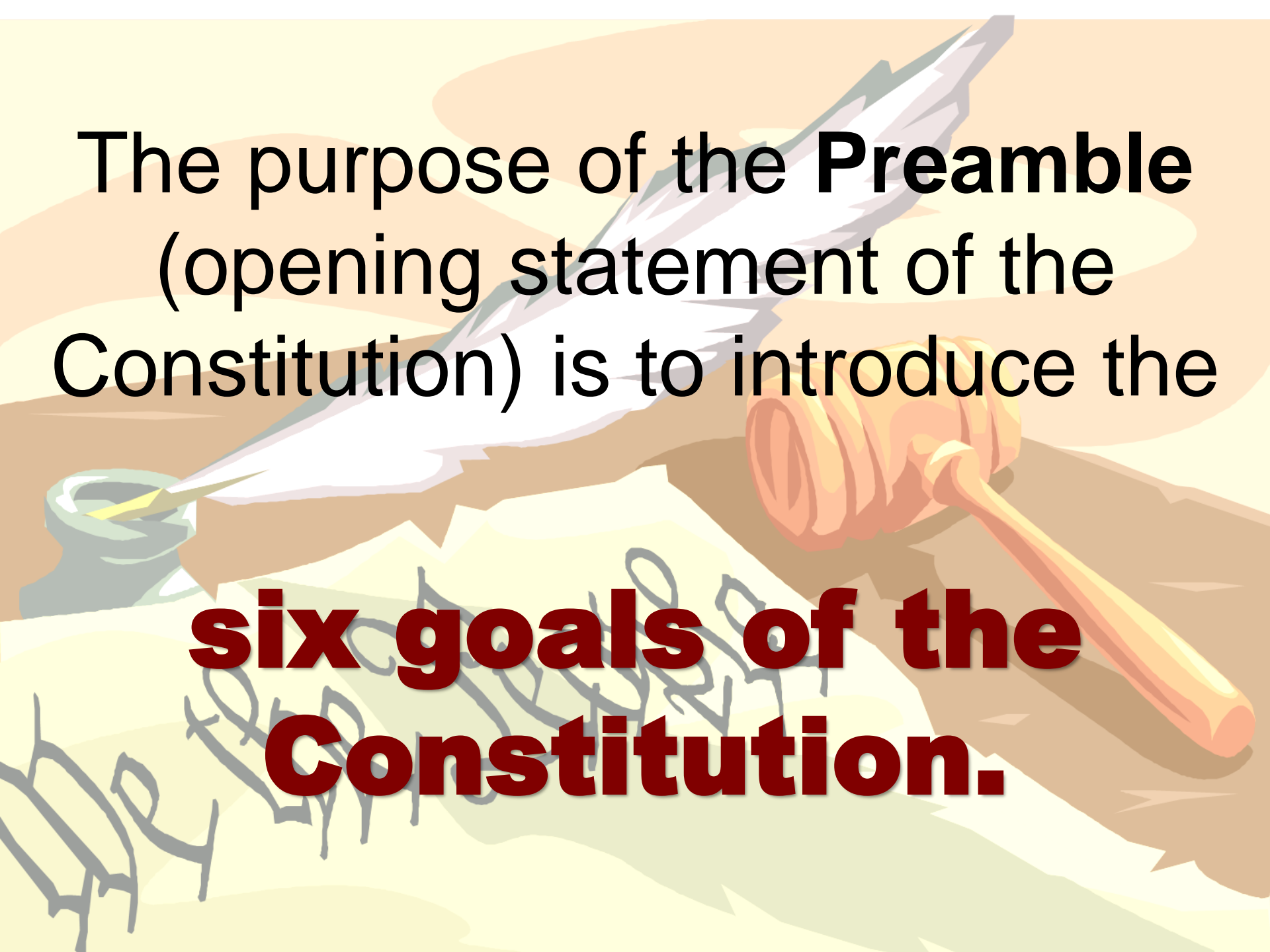
Goals & Principles



The goals and principles of the **CONSTITUTION** have guided the United States for more than 200 years.

The three main parts of the Constitution:

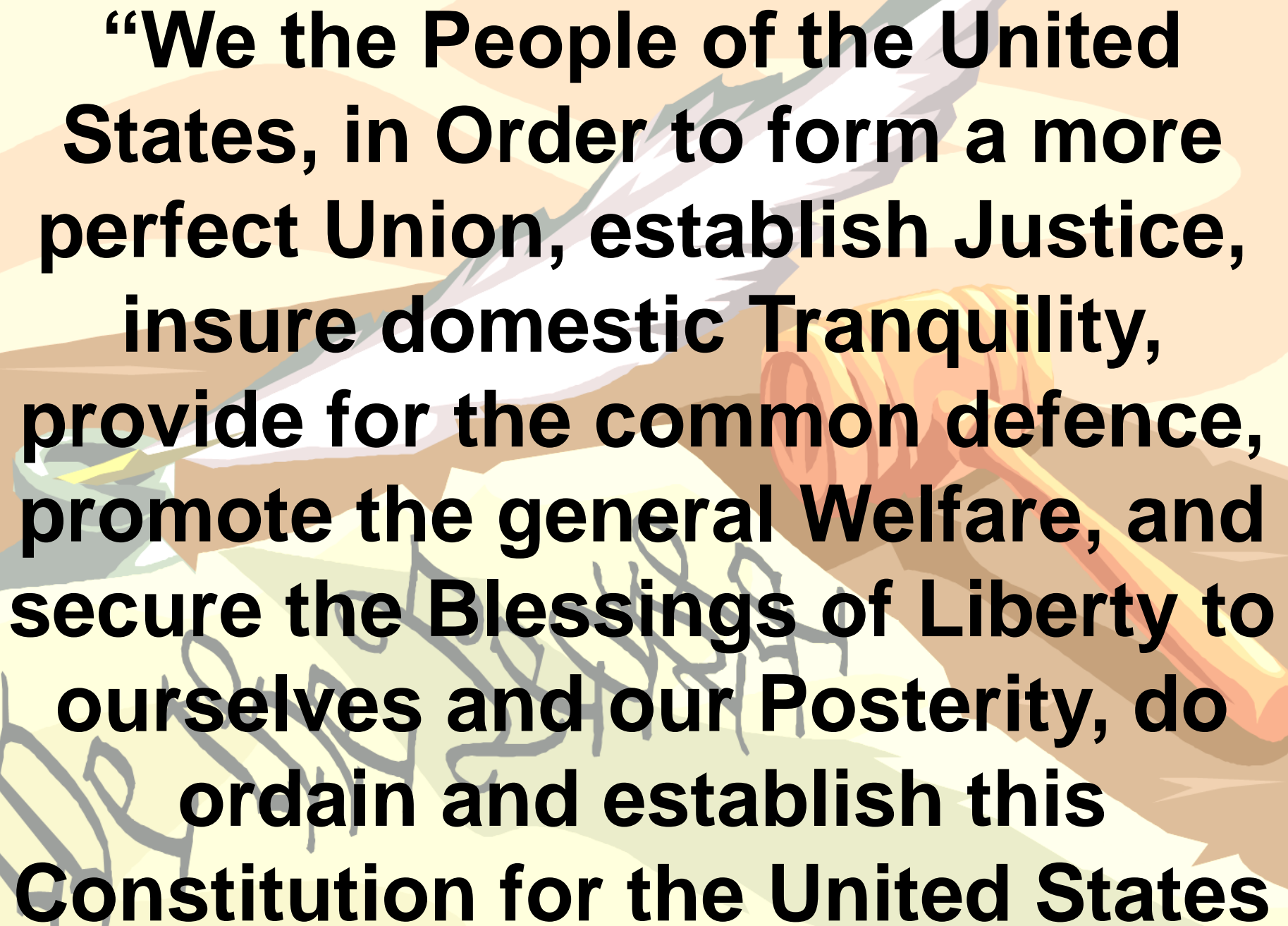
Preamble, Articles & Amendments

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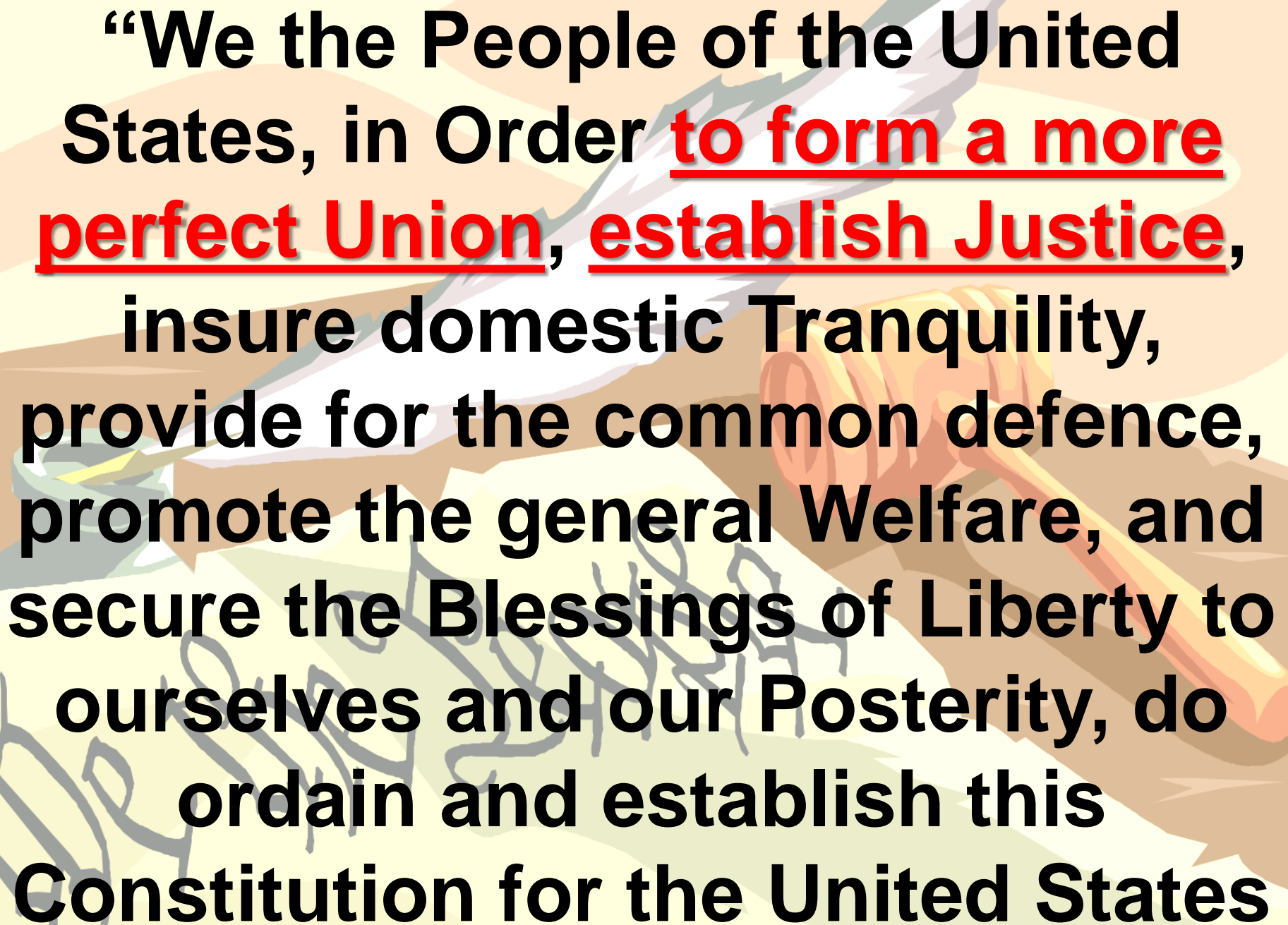
The purpose of the **Preamble**
(opening statement of the
Constitution) is to introduce the

**six goals of the
Constitution.**



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“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

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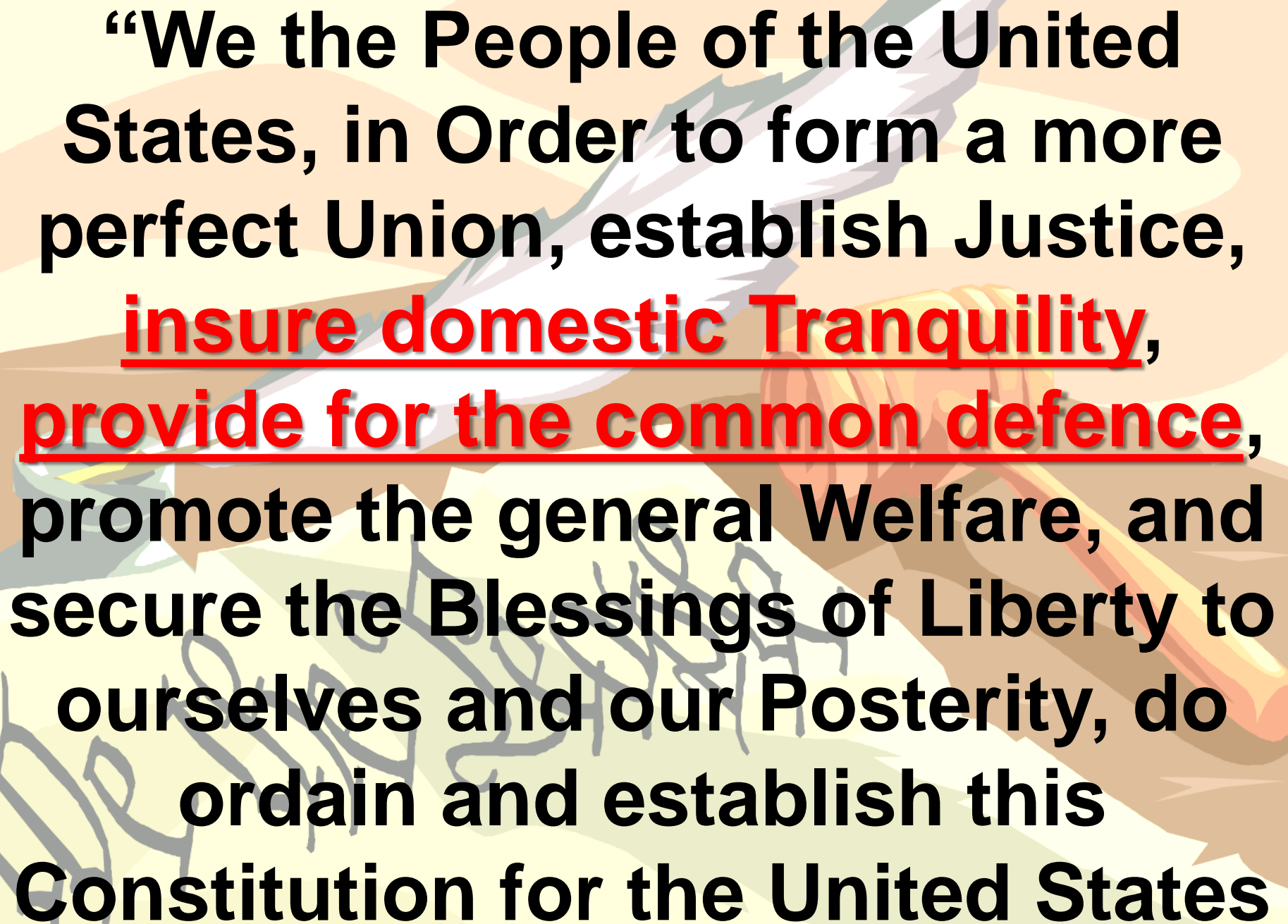
In your own words...

1. To form a more perfect union...

(To unite the nation)

2. To establish justice...

(To apply the law fairly to
all)



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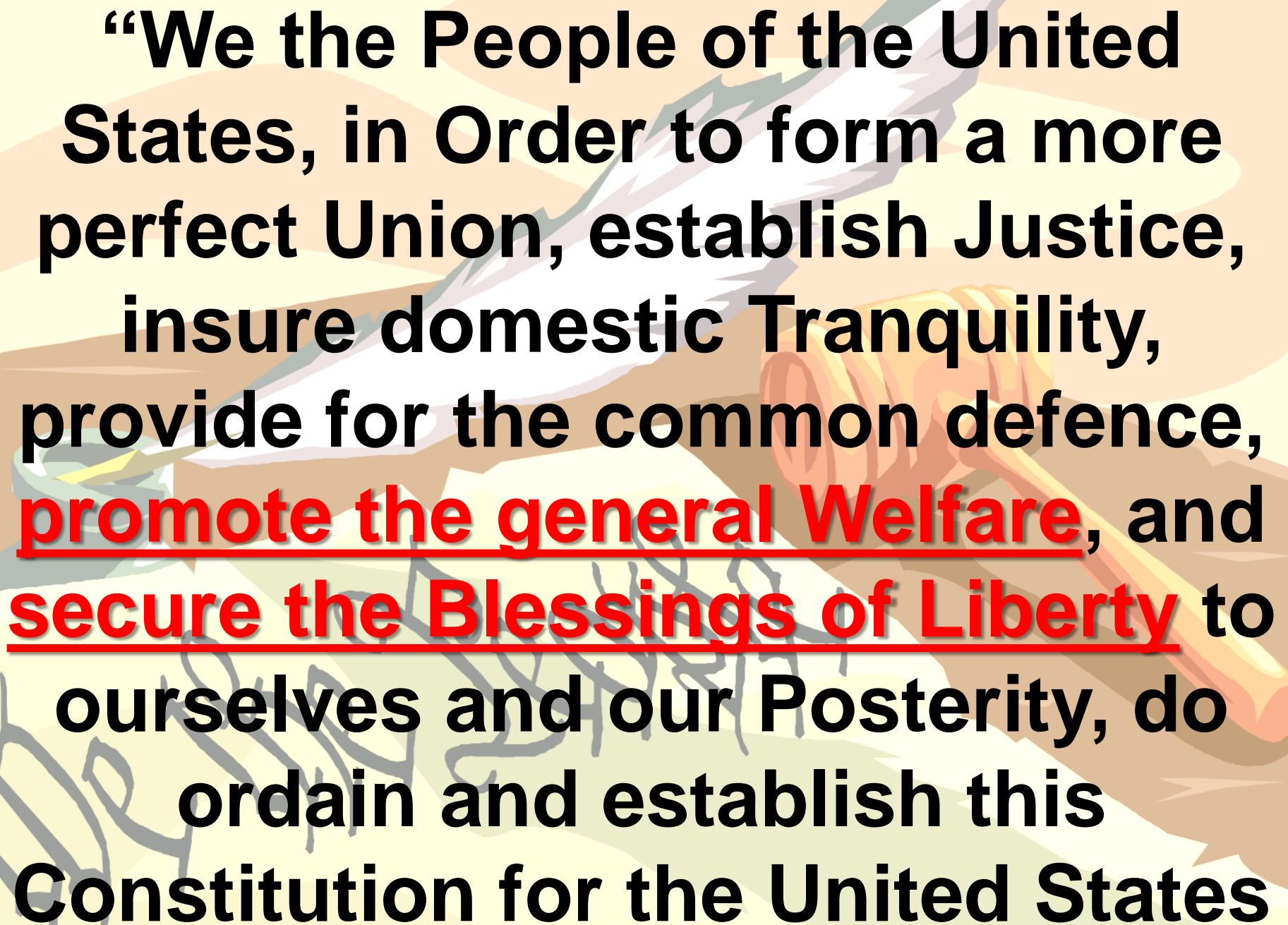
In your own words...

3. To insure domestic tranquility...

(To keep peace and order at home)

4. To provide for the common defense...

(To protect us against foreign attack)



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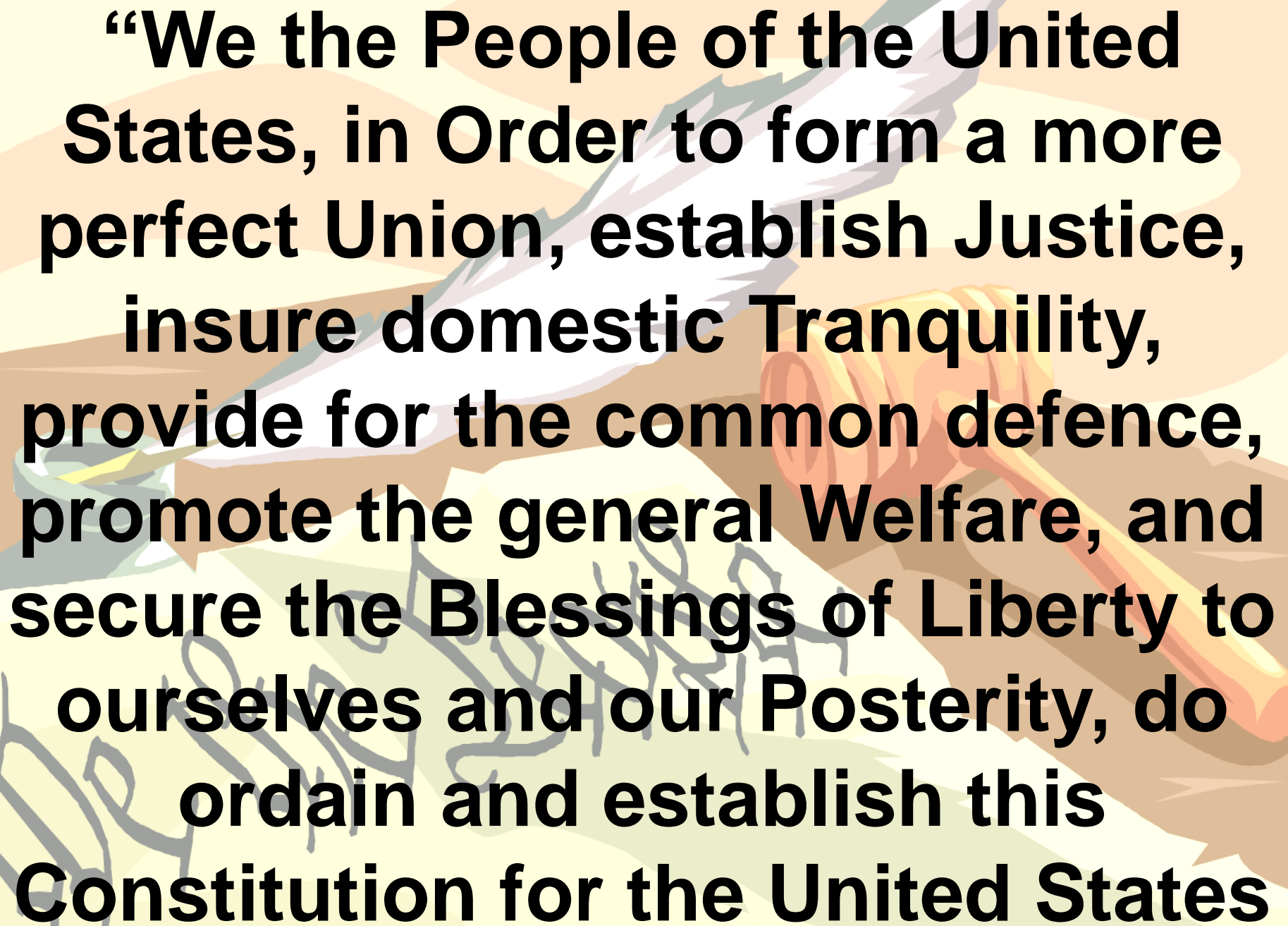
In your own words...

5. To promote the general welfare...

(To provide for the well-being of all)

6. To secure the blessings of liberty...

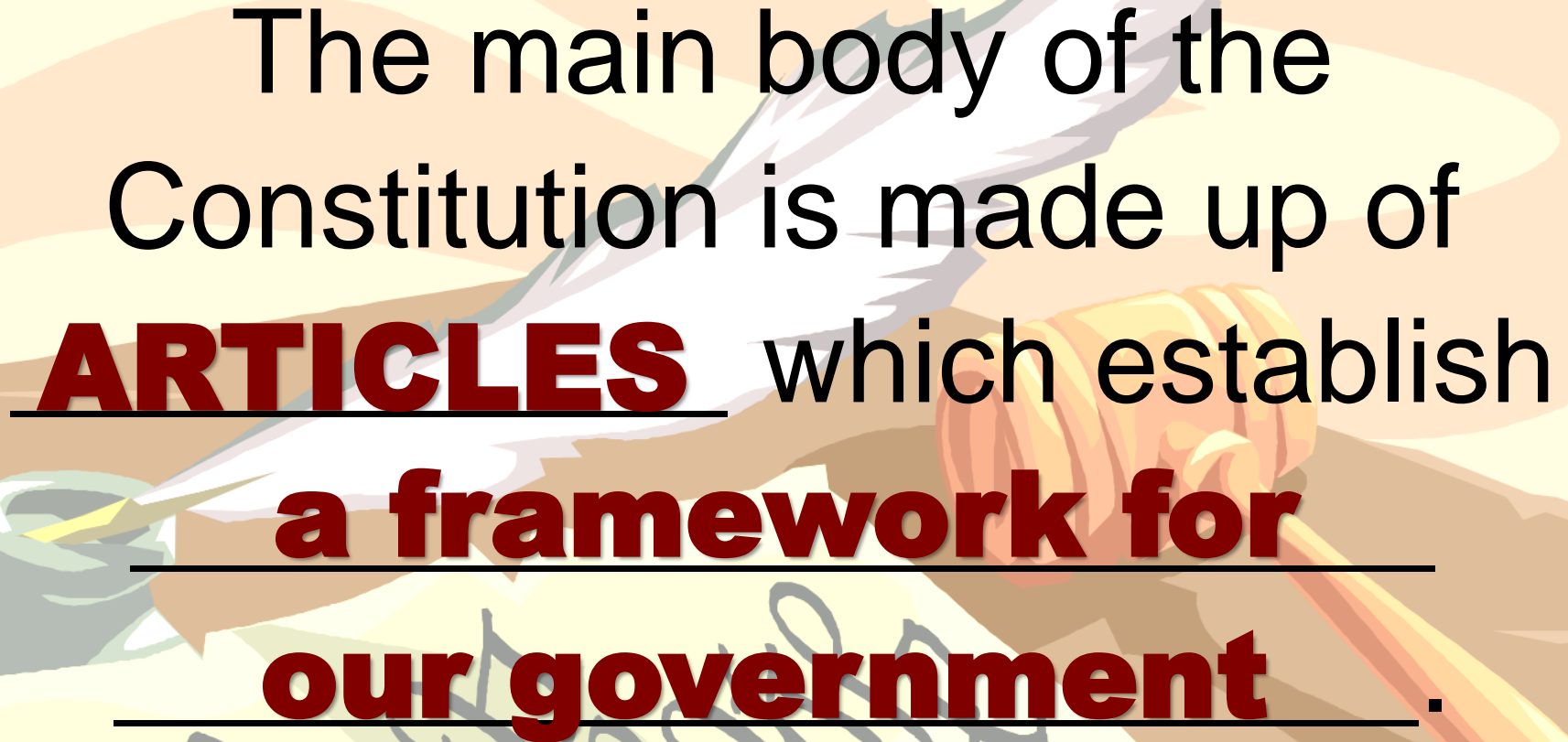
(To protect our freedoms)

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The main body of the
Constitution is made up of
ARTICLES which establish
a framework for
our government .

The seven Articles are...

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Article I:

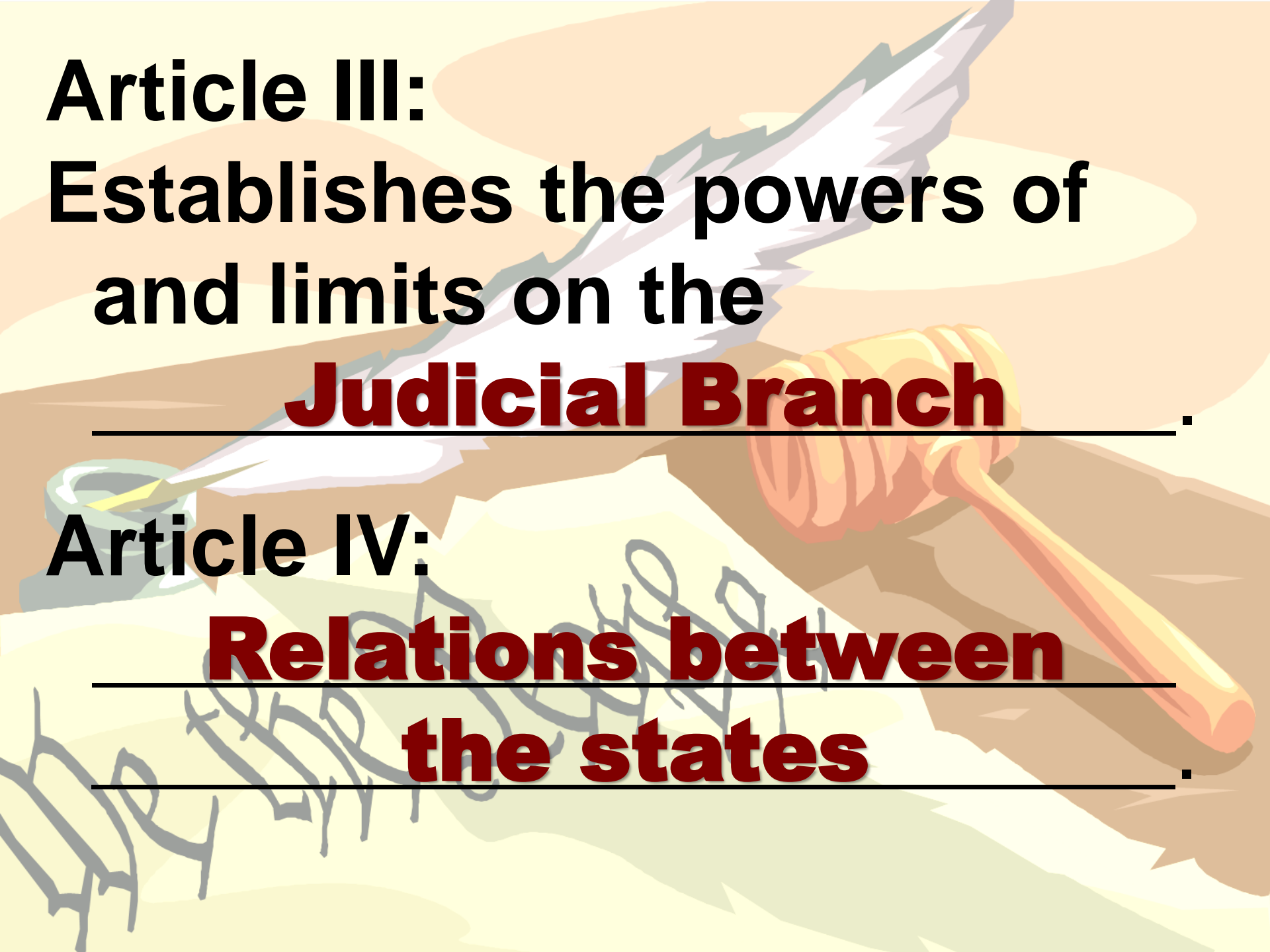
**Establishes the powers of
and limits on the**

Legislative Branch.

Article II:

**Establishes the powers of
and limits on the**

Executive Branch.

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Article III:

**Establishes the powers of
and limits on the**

Judicial Branch

Article IV:

Relations between

the states

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Article V:

Amending (changing)
the Constitution .

Article VI: (National Supremacy)

The Constitution is the

“supreme Law
of the Land” .

Article VII:

Ratification (approval)
of the Constitution .





THE
GOLDEN
RULE

PRINCIPLES of the CONSTITUTION

27 | *Amendments that have been added to the U.S. Constitution in 231 years.*



The background of the slide is a stylized Texas state flag, featuring a white five-pointed star on a blue vertical stripe on the left, and horizontal stripes of white and red on the right. The entire background has a subtle, textured pattern.

Did You Know...

**As of November 2017, the Texas
Constitution has been amended 498
times since its adoption in 1876.**

PRINCIPLES of the CONSTITUTION

The Constitution rests on

seven basic PRINCIPLES

that ensure that the citizens of
the United States enjoy a
careful balance of

POWER and **FREEDOM** .

PRINCIPLES of the CONSTITUTION

★ Principle #1: *Popular Sovereignty*

All government power belongs to the people.

★ Principle #2: *Limited Government*

Government can do only what the people say it can do.

★ Principle #3: *Separation of Powers*

Power is divided among three branches of the government.

PRINCIPLES of the CONSTITUTION

★ Principle #4: *Checks and Balances*

Each branch of government is able to check the other branches.

★ Principle #5: *Federalism*

Power is shared between the national government and the states.

★ Principle #6: *Republicanism*

Citizens elect representatives to carry out the will of the people.

PRINCIPLES of the CONSTITUTION

- ★ Principle #7: *Individual Rights*
Individual rights are protected.
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