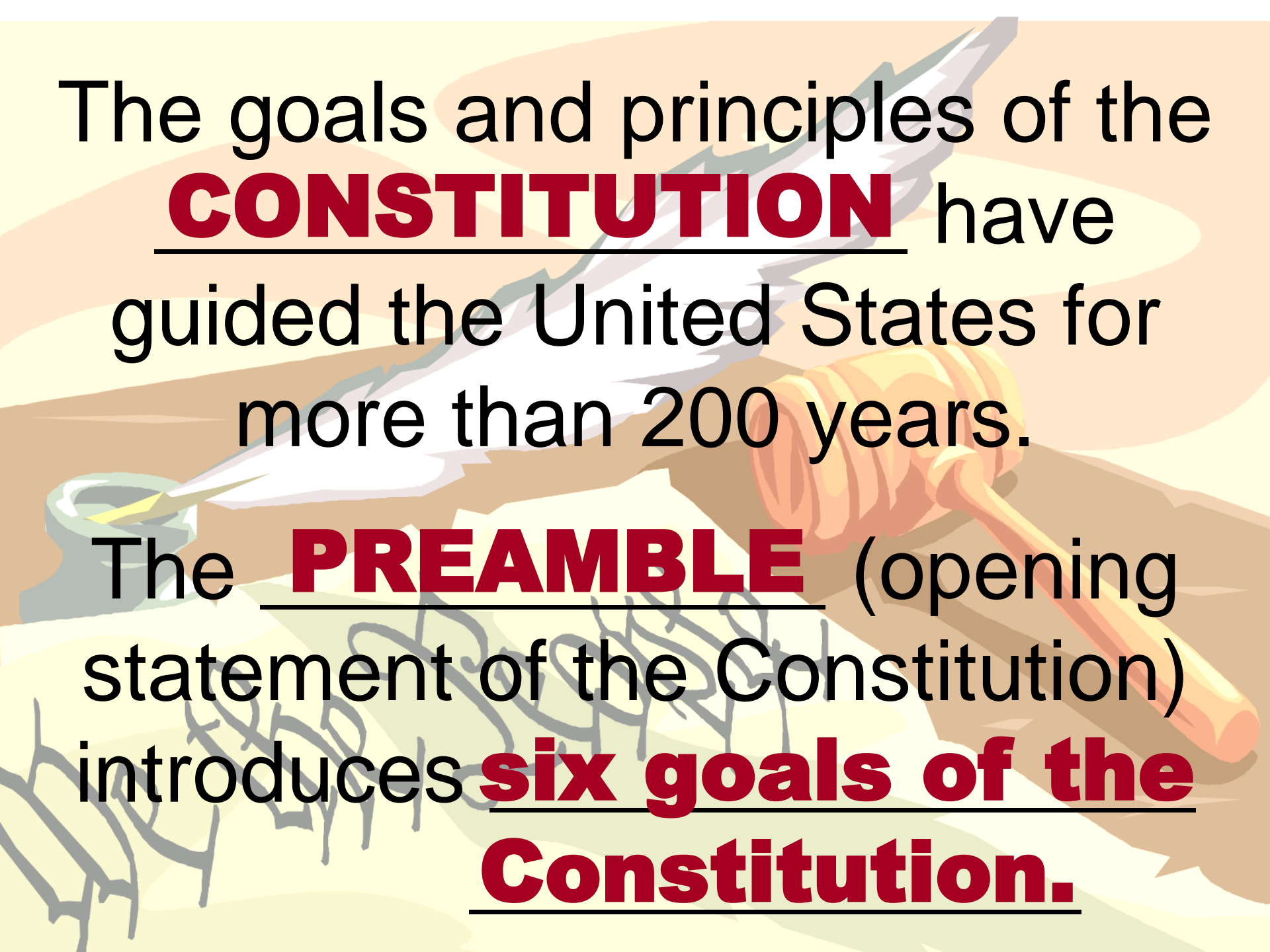


The Constitution:

An Introduction

Chapter 9 / Section 1



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

The **PREAMBLE** (opening statement of the Constitution) introduces **six goals of the Constitution.**

An illustration featuring a quill pen in an inkwell on the left, a wooden gavel on the right, and a scroll of parchment in the center. The background consists of soft, wavy shapes in shades of orange, yellow, and green.

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 .

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 .

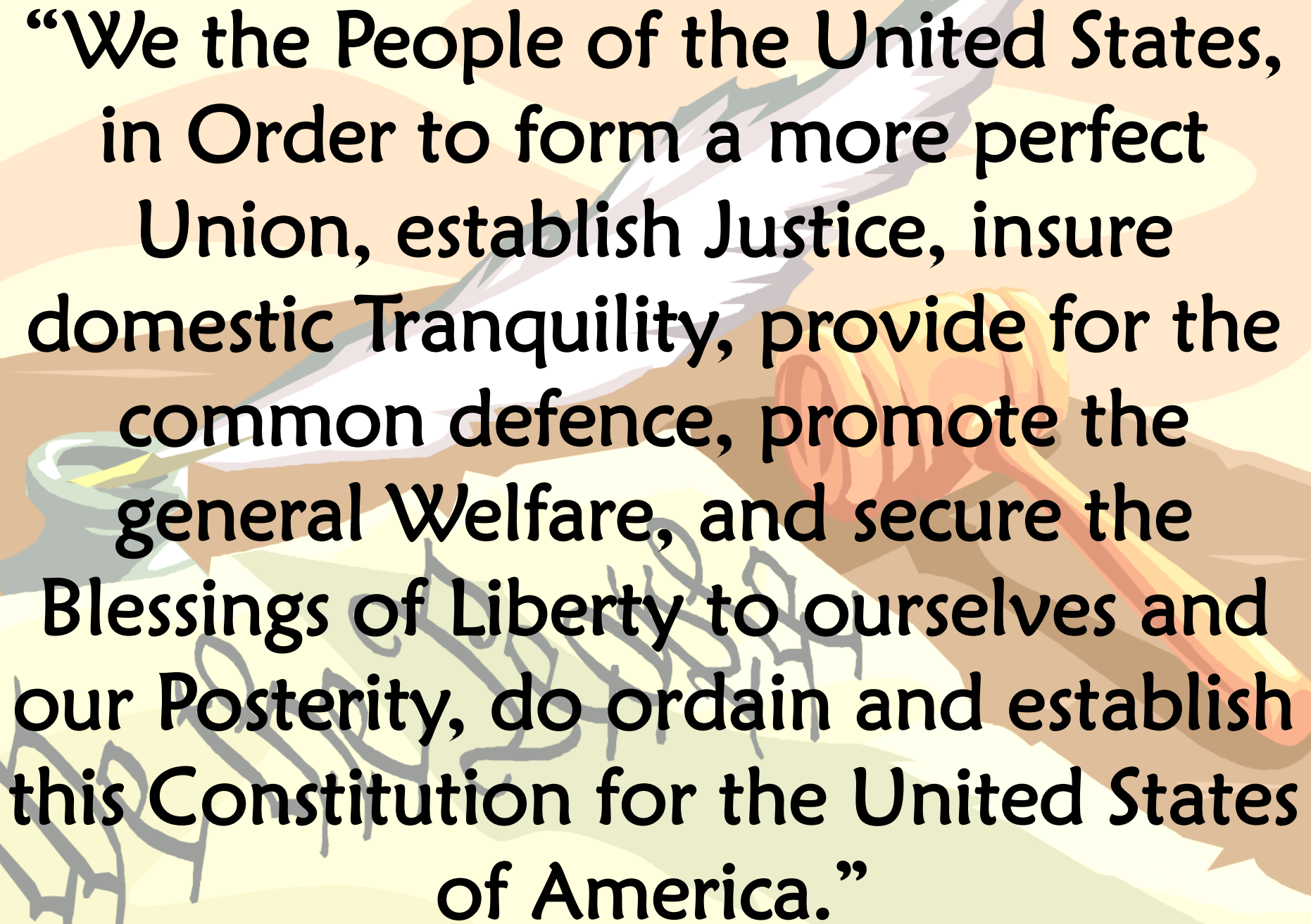
In your own words...

5. To promote the general welfare...

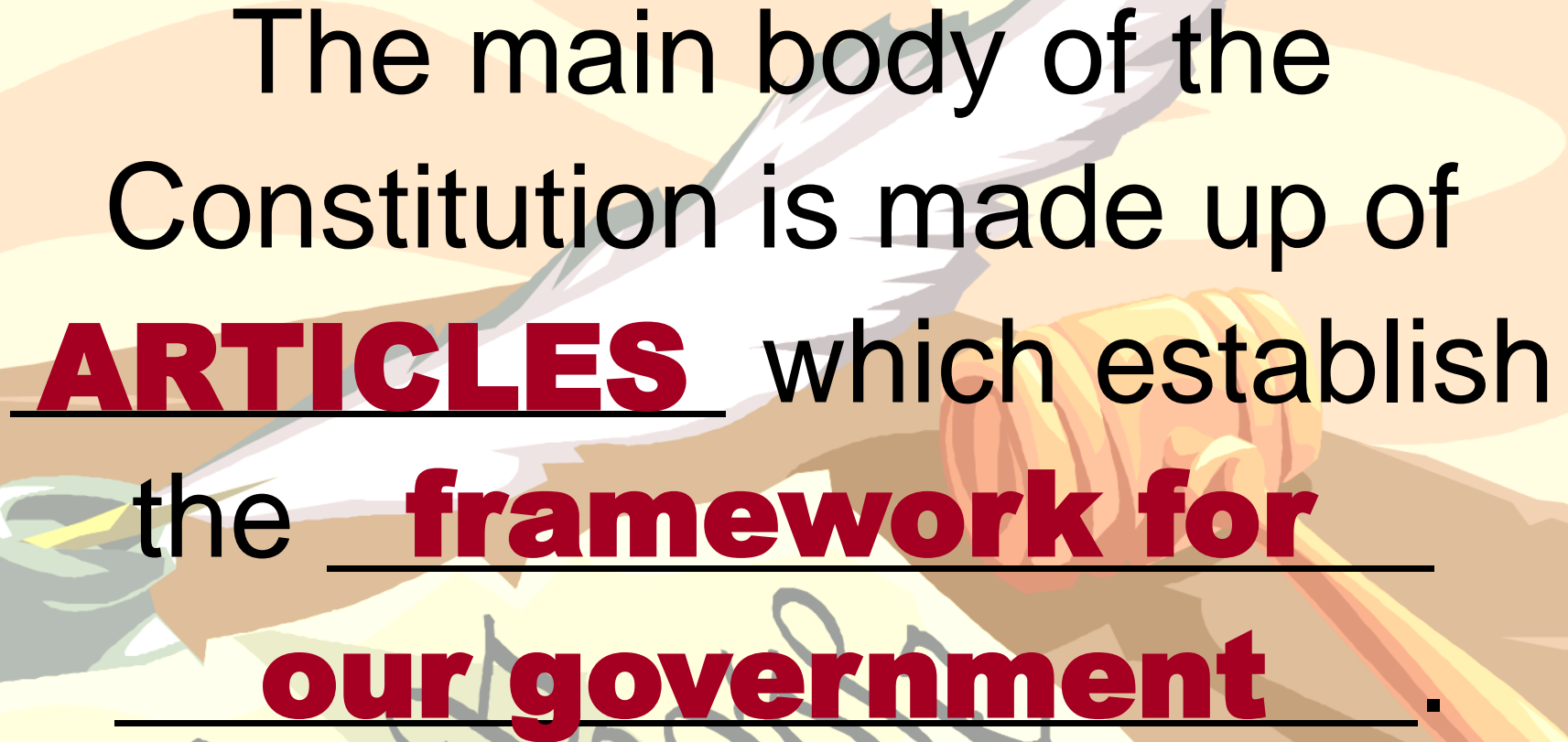
To provide for the well-being of all .

6. To secure the blessings of liberty...

To protect our freedoms .

The background features a stylized illustration of a wooden gavel resting on a rolled-up scroll. The scroll is partially unrolled, showing some faint, illegible text. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of orange, yellow, and brown.

**“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.”**



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

The seven Articles are...

Article I:

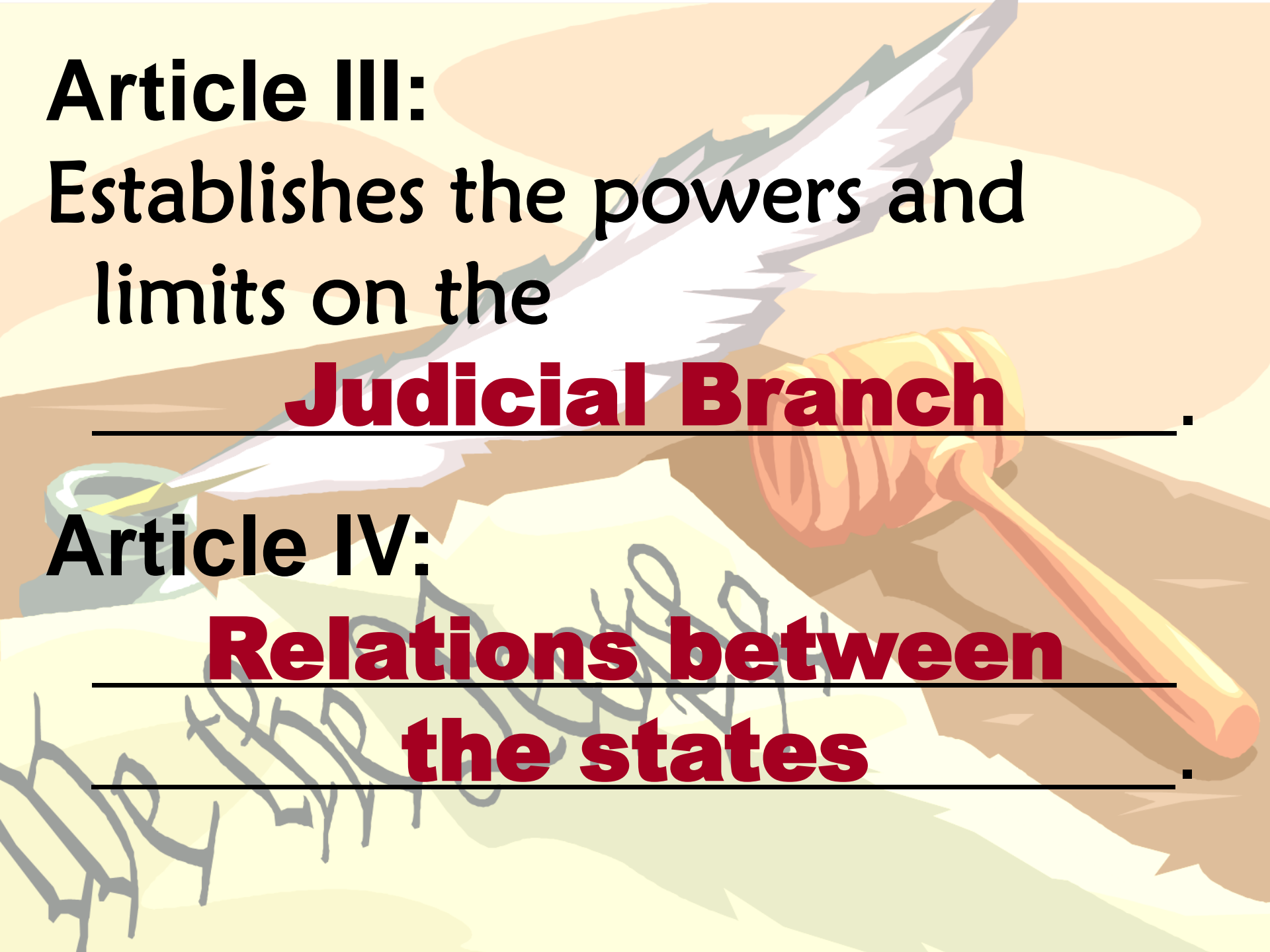
Establishes the powers and limits on the

Legislative Branch.

Article II:

Establishes the powers and limits on the

Executive Branch.

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Article III:

Establishes the powers and
limits on the

Judicial Branch

Article IV:

Relations between

the states



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 Constitution rests on

seven basic Principles

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

power and **freedom**.

Match 'em up...

- ★ Government can do only what the people say it can do. **Limited Government**
- ★ All government power belongs to the people. **Popular Sovereignty**
- ★ Citizens elect representatives to carry out the will of the people. **Republicanism**
- ★ Power is divided between the national government and the state governments. **Federalism**

Match 'em up...

- ★ Individual rights and freedoms are protected.

Individual Rights

- ★ Power is divided between three branches of the national government.

Separation of Powers

- ★ Each branch of the national government is able to check the power of the other branches.

Checks and Balances



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