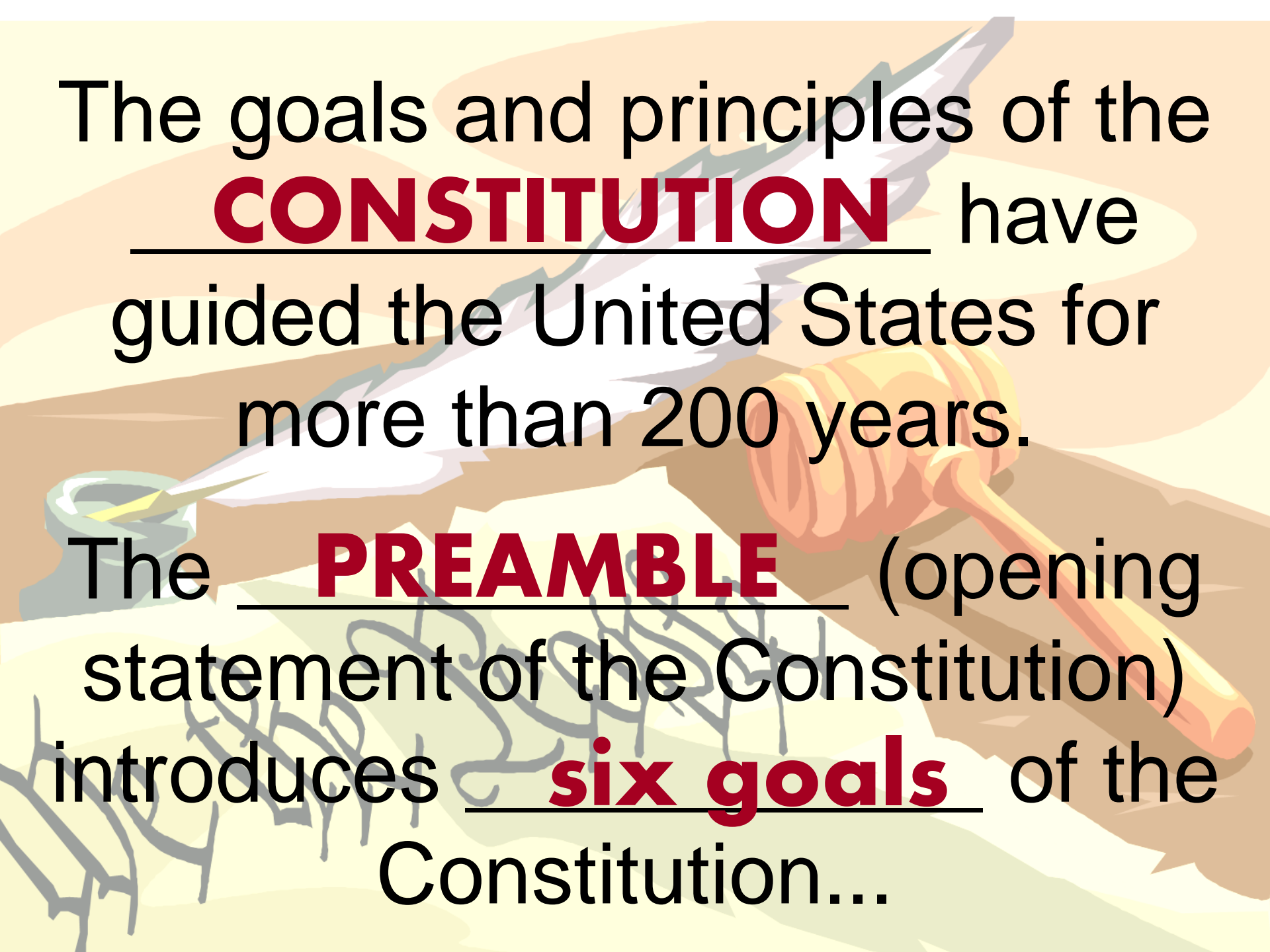


Goals and Principles of the Constitution

Chapter 8 / 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 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 brown, suggesting a parchment or paper texture.

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

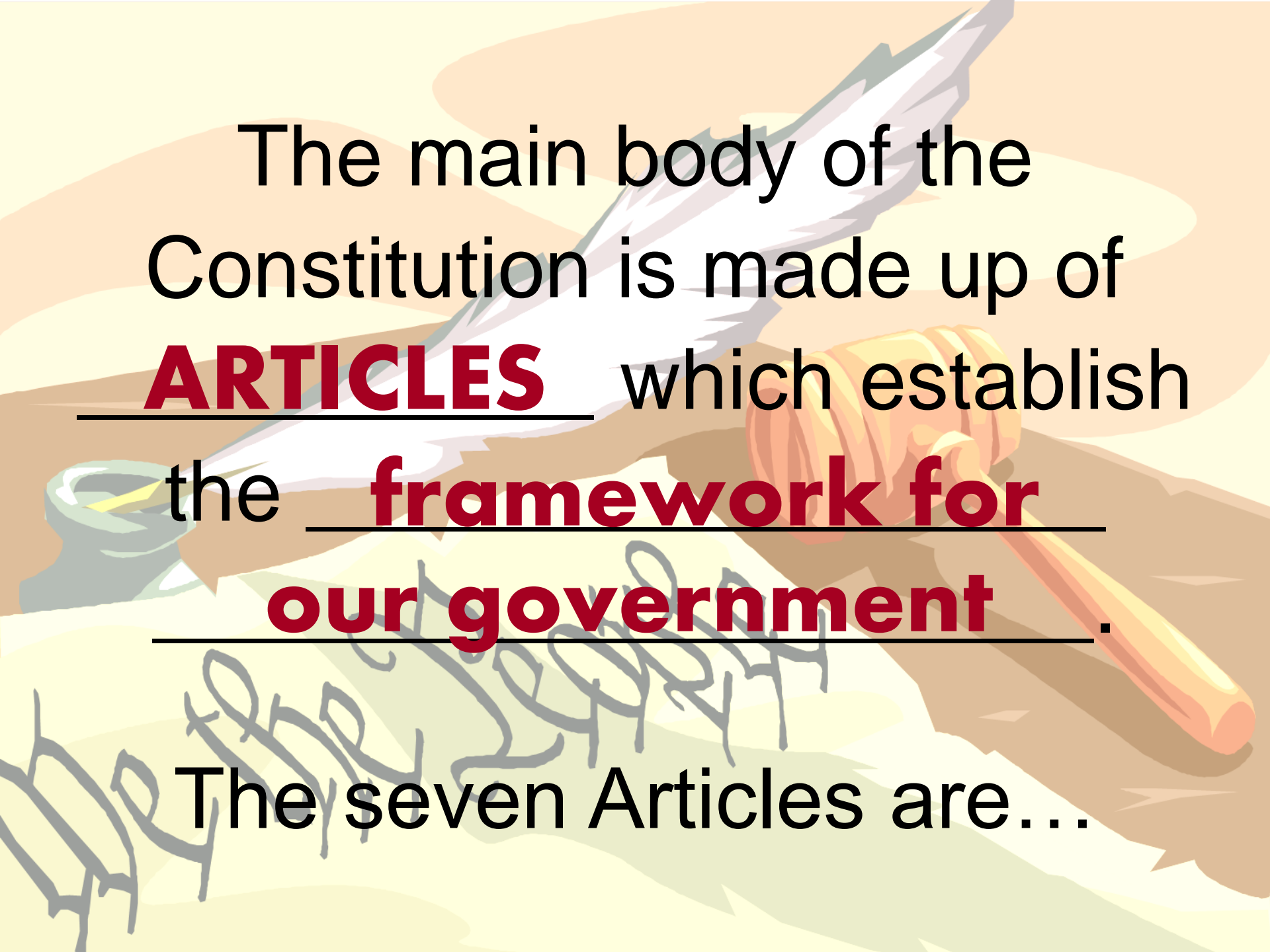
In your own words...

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

The seven Articles are...

The background features a stylized illustration. At the top, a white quill pen with a grey shadow is positioned diagonally. Below it, a wooden gavel with a light-colored head and a darker handle is shown. In the lower-left corner, a scroll of parchment is partially visible, with a quill pen resting on it. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of orange, yellow, and brown.

Article I:

**Establishes the powers and
limits on the**

Legislative Branch.

Article II:

**Establishes the powers and
limits on the**

Executive Branch.

The background features a stylized illustration. At the top, a white gavel with a wooden handle is shown in a dynamic, angled position. Below it, a pair of golden scales of justice is visible. In the foreground, there is a white document with faint, grey scribbled lines representing text. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of orange, yellow, and brown.

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:

States the Constitution is the
“supreme law of the land.”

Article VII:

Ratification (approval) of
the Constitution .



The background features a stylized illustration of legal symbols: a quill pen in the upper left, a wooden gavel in the center-right, and a scale of justice in the lower left. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of orange, yellow, and brown.

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



**Let's work on some
Checks and Balances...**

