"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."

Preamble to the Constitution

THE 3 BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE
- Enforces treaties
- Federal laws
- Commands military

LEGISLATIVE
- Makes laws
- Declares war

Congress
* Senate
* House of Representatives

JUDICIAL
- Interprets laws
- Sentences convicted people after trials

The Federal Courts System
* U.S. Supreme Court