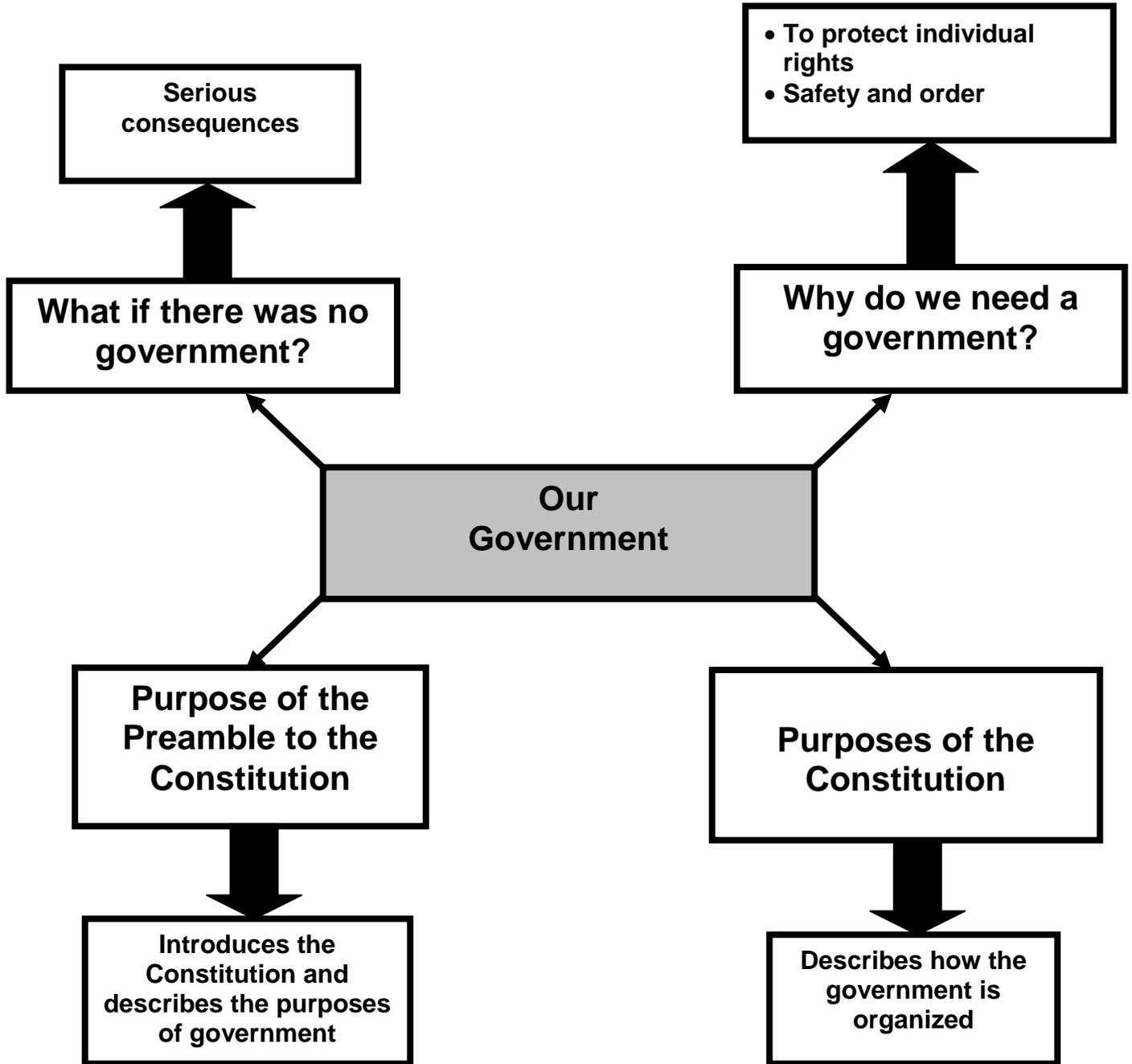


## Graphic Organizer



## Big Ideas Card

### Big Ideas of Lesson 1, Unit 1

1. There would be many serious consequences if schools, communities, and our country tried to function without government and rules or laws.
2. People institute governments for many reasons such as safety, promoting the common good, and protecting individual rights.
3. The Constitution describes how the government is organized.

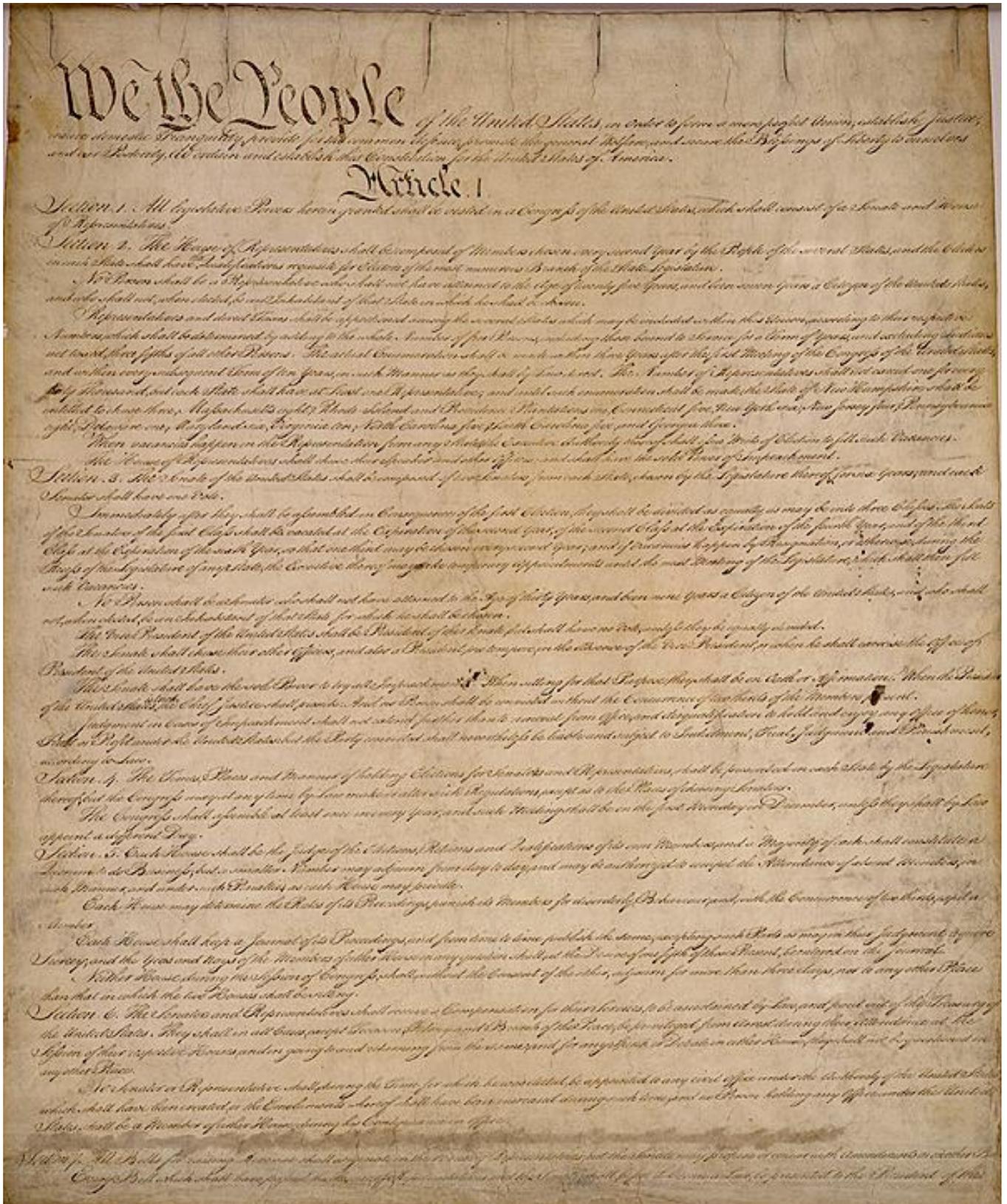
## Word Cards

<p><b>1</b> <b>government</b></p>  <p>A system of elected or appointed citizens who make, enforce, and interpret the laws for a community, state or country</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>Cities, states and countries all have a government.</i></p> <p>(SS050101)</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>popular sovereignty</b></p>  <p>the power and authority of the government comes from the people</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>Popular sovereignty is an important core democratic value.</i></p> <p>(SS050101)</p>
<p><b>3</b> <b>Constitution</b></p>  <p>the document that describes the authority and organization of our government and is seen as the highest law of the land</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>Our Constitution is one of our country's most important documents.</i></p> <p>(SS050101)</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Preamble</b></p>  <p>the introductory section to the United States Constitution that outlines the purposes of the government</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>Our Constitution begins with a Preamble.</i></p> <p>(SS050101)</p>
<p><b>5</b> <b>laws</b></p>  <p>statements that define how citizens should behave</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>Communities, states and countries have laws.</i></p> <p>(SS050101)</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>rule of law</b></p>  <p>the principle that everybody, including government officials, must obey the laws</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>The rule of law helps limit the power of government.</i></p> <p>(SS050101)</p>

## Life Without Government, Rules, or Laws

### Small Group Activity Sheet

	What Would Life Be like?	What Problems Would Be Likely to Happen?
<b>School</b>		
<b>Community</b>		
<b>Country</b>		



Source: The Constitution. 27 Aug. 2012 <<http://www.usconstitution.net/gifs/docs/cpage1.jpg>>.

## The Preamble to the 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.*

*We the Students of \_\_\_\_\_'s class,  
in order to \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ do hereby ordain and  
establish this constitution based on the principles of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (noun), \_\_\_\_\_  
(noun) and \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)."*

## Learner Rights and Rules

### Small Group Activity Sheet

<b>What learner rights should we have?</b>	<b>What classroom rules will help protect your learner rights?</b>

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### Small Group Activity Sheet

(Sample Answers)

<b>What learner rights should you have?</b>	<b>What classroom rules will help protect your learner rights?</b>
All learners have the right to not be made fun of if they get an answer wrong.	Treat others as you want to be treated.
All learners have the right to work in a quiet place.	Work quietly so you do not disturb others.
All learners have the right to succeed to their maximum potential.	Always be prepared and use your time wisely.

## Classroom Constitution - Sample

*"We the Students of Mrs. Hart's class, in order to have a terrific school year, learn as much as we can, and be happy and successful each day, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution based on the principles of kindness, respect, and cooperation."*

### We therefore agree to the following rules:

- 1. Treat others as you want to be treated.*
- 2. Work quietly so you do not disturb others.*
- 3. Make safe choices.*
- 4. Keep all areas clean and organized.*
- 5. Always try your best.*



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### Why Do We Need Government? Exit Slip

*Why do we have government?*

- *To protect individual rights*
- *To provide safety and order*

*Why is it important to have rules or laws?*

- *To promote the common good*
- *To protect individual rights*
- *To provide safety and order*

*What is the purpose of a constitution?*

- *To describe how the government is organized*