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What Promises of the Preamble Mean the Most to Me and Why?

In 1787 our first American citizens sat down to write the document that would shape the American nation. Little did they know that over 200 years later that document had been viewed by millions of people, and America had grown to become the thriving nation that we know today.

The introduction to the Constitution is called the Preamble. That means it tells what the Constitution is about. The Preamble is important to me for several reasons.

The words “we the people”, “secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity”, and “provide for the common defense”, are especially meaningful to me.

The first one, “we the people”, is significant to me because it shows that just American citizens wrote the document to shape our nation. I like this because it proves that we are all equal and no one is better than anyone else.

The second one, “secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity”, is relevant to me because posterity means children of the next generation, so basically that ensures that me, my children, their children, and all future generations will be free.

The third one, “provide for the common defense”, is important to me because it shows that no matter who you are, as long as you are an American citizen, you are cared for, protected, and you matter.

The Preamble is very interesting to read. I really enjoy the expressive handwriting and the historic words they use, as well as the fancy language. I also liked all the elaborate signatures at the end of the Constitution!

In the spring of 2022, my family and I went to Washington DC. I was fascinated to learn its history, and see the Constitution! When we went in to the National Archives, it was kind of scary, because there were armed security guards, and the Constitution itself was under layers of glass, layers of gases, and low light to protect the document. I was amazed to see that you can still read some of the signatures! I am very grateful our founding document is in such good hands.

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After 27 amendments to the Constitution, America is a safe place for everyone. In 1787 American citizens shaped the Constitution. Thanks to people from the past, our future is in good hands.