

## The Preamble compared to Shipwrecked

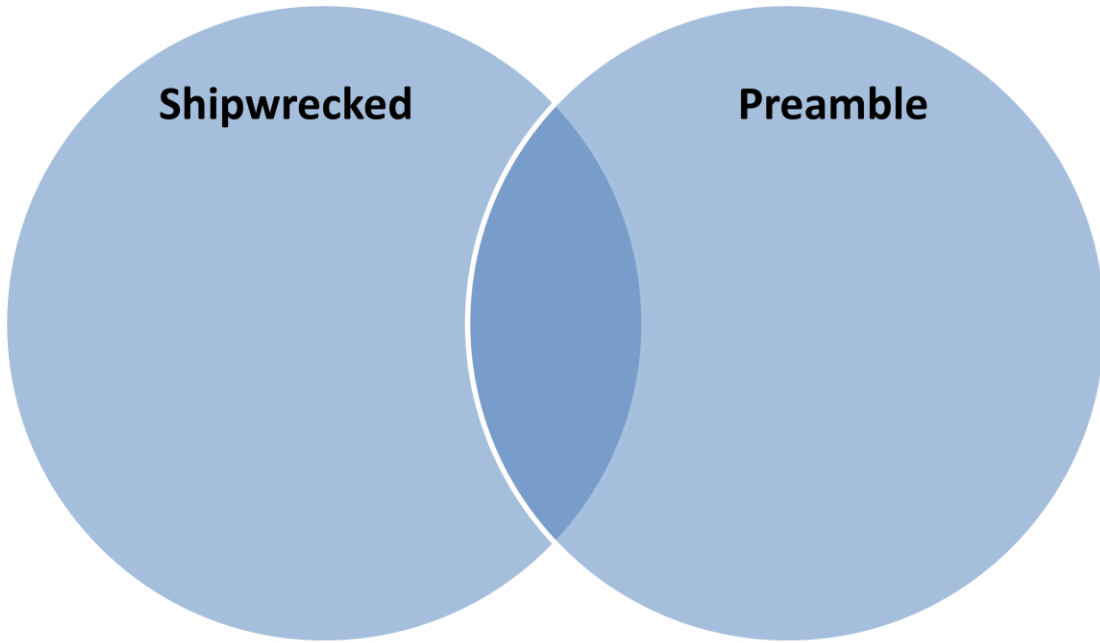
The following excerpt is the “Preamble” to *The United States Constitution*. The purpose of such is to act as an introductory paragraph in which the Founding Fathers summarized the intent and purpose of *The Constitution*. You are to read and consider what follows (the “Preamble”), then, in your “Shipwrecked” group, compare what the Founding Fathers considered to be the purpose of government to what you developed for your island.

*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.*

Using the appropriate thinking map(s), compare each of the following issues (*the phrase from the Preamble is found in parentheses*) to what you developed for your island. **Each of the following should be on its own sheet of paper in your notebook. See the example.**

1. How will you make sure that anyone who feels unfairly treated will have a place to air complaints? (*establishing justice*)
2. How will you make sure that people can have peace and quiet? (*insuring domestic tranquility*)
3. How will you make sure that group members will help if outsiders arrive who threaten your group? (*providing for the common defense*)
4. How will you make sure that the improvements you make on the island (such as shelters, fireplaces and the like) will be used fairly? (*promoting the general welfare*)
5. How will you make sure that group members will be free to do what they want as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else? (*securing the blessing of liberty to ourselves*)
6. How will you make sure that the rules and organizations you develop protect future generations? (*securing the blessing of liberty to our posterity*)

Before  
Justice



After