Dissecting the Preamble

Name _____Per ___

DIRECTIONS

- Look up the underlined words on www.learnersdictionary.com. Write down the definition ***that makes sense in the context***. (You will use the first definition except for the three marked with 2nd)
- At the bottom of the page, write the Preamble IN YOUR OWN WORDS so that I know you understand the meaning of each and every phrase.

PREAMBLE We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish **justice, ensure 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.

DEFINITIONS

Justice _____

Ensure _____

Domestic _____

Tranquility _____

Promote 2nd _____

Welfare 2nd _____

Secure _____

Liberty _____

Posterity _____

Ordain 2nd _____

PREAMBLE IN MY OWN WORDS…

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