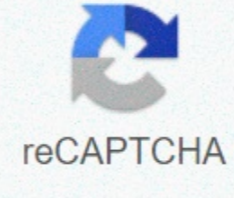




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Examining the preamble to the constitution worksheet answers

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Ours is a system of written constitutionalism, adhering to a single, binding, authoritative legal text, written as supreme law. This defines the territory and limits of the legitimate constitutional argument: the undertaking of constitutional interpretation is to seek to understand faithfully, in the context of the document (including the time and places where it was written and adopted), the words, phrases and structural implications of the written text. The terms of the Constitution are not optional. Nor are they springboards or starting points for individual (or judicial) speculation or subjective preferences: when the provisions of the Constitution set a sufficiently clear rule for the government, this rule is the supreme law of the country and must be respected. 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As Justice Joseph Story said in his treatise on the Constitution, published in 1833, using example of the preamble phrase to ensure common defence: There can be no doubt that this does not expand the powers of Congress to adopt measures that they may find useful to the common defence. But suppose the terms of a given power admit two constructs, one more restrictive, the other more liberal, and each of them conforms to the words . . . if one favoured, and the other contradicted the common defence, should the former not, on the strongest principles of interpretation to be adopted? Are we free, on all the principles of reason or common sense, to adopt a restrictive meaning, which will defeat an avowed object of the Constitution, while another object just as natural and more appropriate to the object is before us? 2 Joseph Story, Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States - 462 at 445 (1833). Finally, the preamble has a significant impact on those who have the ultimate power of constitutional interpretation. In modern times, it has become fashionable to identify the power of constitutional interpretation almost exclusively with the decisions of the courts, and in particular the Supreme Court of the United States. And yet, while it is true that the courts legitimately have the province of constitutional interpretation in the cases before them, it is also true that the other branches of national government — and the state government as well — have an equal responsibility for faithful constitutional interpretation. None of these governmental institutions, created or recognized by the Constitution, is superior to the Constitution itself. None is greater than the ultimate power of the people to adopt, modify and interpret what is, after all, the Constitution ordained and established by We the People of the United States. 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