

**“Why is the United States Constitution unique in human history, and why should each U.S. citizen value its contents?”**

When one thinks of the United States Constitution, automatically freedom and unity come to mind. The beginning of the Constitution it is stated “We the people”. This truly states what the constitution is about, the people, the people are the country, the people determine who is elected, and what laws govern them. It does not stop there, it sets up the form of government that will rule the nation and has a Bill of Rights for an ever changing country. Our forefathers knew what they were doing when they wrote it and knew that it would be a standard that we would live by for centuries to come. In that way it has become a precedent to which all others are modeled after.

The preamble of the Constitution, even with how short it is, is concise and to the point of which all people strive to protect. It is stated in the Constitution that we will promote domestic tranquility and provide for the common defense. When a country is divided it cannot protect itself in the same way that a united nation can.. A united front can come together in times of need and protect itself and this has been proven time and again especially in recent times with the attacks of 9/11. Our country would not have been able to recuperate as fast as it did if the people did not come together to show what unity is all about.

When the forefathers wrote the constitution, they not only stated the freedoms that were ensured to the people of that time, but to their offspring and the immigrants who would gain citizenship in the years to come. In saying that they “secure the blessings of liberty”, they were going back to the basis to which our whole country was based upon, the Declaration of Independence. In the Declaration, it is said that all citizens are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The forefathers wanted to connect the two documents, and make them able to work together. The way to secure the blessings of liberty is to never take anyone’s rights away, but rather encourage them to take full advantage of them by owning land, expressing freedom of religion, voting for who you want to represent you, and embracing the culture in which you live. This is unique in our country because other places that do not have a system of democracy are oppressed and cannot choose the way in which they live. Many people in this country take it for granted, but if the day comes when they no longer have it they will wish they did.

The last part of the Constitution, The Bill of Rights, is one of the most important aspects of it. It is amazing to think that, it was never intended to be a part of the Constitution, and yet now we could probably never live without it. The forefathers knew they could never imagine all the trials that would affect a fairly new nation so they included it as a way, to have the Constitution adapt to the years that would follow. Now,

these rights have been changed and are a major part of our country. Today, some people want to continue to add amendments to the Constitution and this may be a danger to our country, if they continue to do so, they could take away from the true meaning of the Constitution and what it stands for.

The Constitution of the United States of America, is one of the most important documents in Americas' history. Without it the country would probably not have survived and the government would not be where it is today. The rights of the people would not be protected the way they are and it would be chaos. The document has shaped the country and will continue to contribute to the nation as we move along in our years, however, if we are not careful we may lose what the Constitution was originally written for, as a guideline to which our country should be modeled and what each citizen is entitled to.