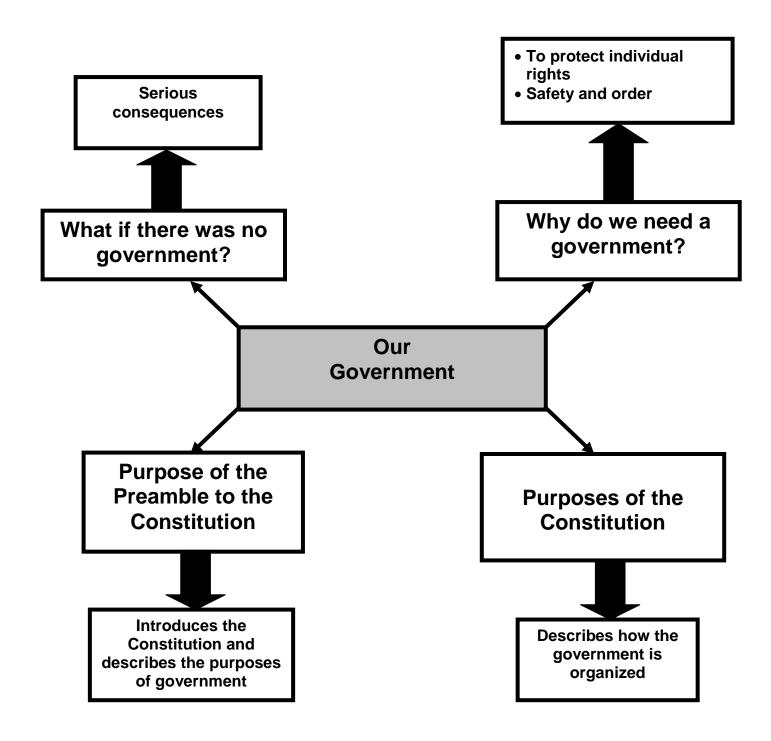
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Big Ideas Card

Big Ideas of Lesson 1, Unit 1

- 1. There would be many serious consequences if schools, communities, and our country tried to function without government and rules or laws.
- 2. People institute governments for many reasons such as safety, promoting the common good, and protecting individual rights.
- 3. The Constitution describes how the government is organized.

Word Cards

1 government A system of elected or appointed citizens who make, enforce, and interpret the laws for a community, state or country Example: Cities, states and countries all have a government. (SS050101)	 2 popular sovereignty the power and authority of the government comes from the people Example: Popular sovereignty is an important core democratic value. (SS050101)
3 Constitution the document that describes the authority and organization of our government and is seen as the highest law of the land Example: Our Constitution is one of our country's most important documents. (SS050101)	4 Preamble the introductory section to the United States Constitution that outlines the purposes of the government Example: Our Constitution begins with a Preamble.
 5 laws statements that define how citizens should behave Example: Communities, states and countries have laws. 	6 rule of law the principle that everybody, including government officials, must obey the laws Example: The rule of law helps limit the power of government. (SS050101)

Life Without Government, Rules, or Laws Small Group Activity Sheet

	What Would Life Be like?	What Problems Would Be Likely to Happen?
School		
Community		
Country		

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The Preamble to the Constitution

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.

We the Students of _____ 's class

in order to	/
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Learner Rights and Rules Small Group Activity Sheet

What learner rights should we have?	What classroom rules will help protect your learner rights?

Learner	Rights	and	Rules
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Small Group Activity Sheet

(Sample Answers)

What learner rights should you have?	What classroom rules will help protect your learner rights?	
All learners have the right to not be made fun of if they get an answer wrong.	Treat others as you want to be treated.	
All learners have the right to work in a quiet place.	Work quietly so you do not disturb others.	
All learners have the right to succeed to their maximum potential.	Always be prepared and use your time wisely.	

Glassroom Gonstitution - Jample

"We the Students of Mrs. Hart's class, in

order to have a terrific school year, learn as much as we can, and be happy and successful each day, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution based on the principles of kindness, respect, and cooperation."

We therefore agree to the following rules:

Treat others as you want to be treated.
 Work quietly so you do not disturb others.
 Make safe choices.

4. Keep all areas clean and organized.

5. Always try your best.



Why Do We Need Government? Exit Slip

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Exit Slip: Sample Answers

Why Do We Need Government? Exit Slip

Why do we have government?

- To protect individual rights
- To provide safety and order

Why is it important to have rules or laws?

- *T* o promote the common good
- To protect individual rights
- To provide safety and order

What is the purpose of a constitution?

• To describe how the government is organized