

Preamble Power Answer Key

Student responses will vary, but the main ideas must include:

- Everyone is equal
- Everyone has important rights
- The government should protect those rights
- People can fix or change the government if it doesn't

Example acceptable responses:

1. Everyone should be treated the same.
2. People should be free and able to live happily.
3. The government is supposed to keep us safe and protect our rights.
4. If leaders are unfair, people can choose new ones.

The second part should reflect all four big ideas above in simplified language.

Teacher's Guide

- Review unfamiliar vocabulary first: "liberty," "rights," "pursuit," "equal"
- Model paraphrasing with a sample sentence before students begin
- Encourage students to use everyday examples when rewriting the phrases

Differentiation

- Provide sentence starters or a word bank for emerging writers
- Allow verbal responses first, then write together
- Extend for advanced students by asking: "Why do you think these ideas were important to colonists?"

Engagement Ideas

- Students create a class "Kid Preamble" poster using their paraphrased sentences
- Conduct mini-discussions: "What rights matter most to you?"
- Use role-play scenarios to show fair vs. unfair rules