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Democracy Defined

Directions: Read the ideas about democracy from the Gettysburg Address and the Preamble of the U.S. Compare their visions using the chart and questions below.

Civic Idea	Gettysburg Address: Lincoln's Message	Preamble of the Constitution: The Founders' Goals
Who has the power? ("of the people...")		
Why government exists? (protect freedom, unity, etc.)		
What values are most important?		
What future do they imagine for the nation?		

✓ Tip: Think about words like *union, liberty, equality, justice, peace*.

Reflection Questions: Write 2-3 sentences for each.

1. Which document focuses more on equality? How can you tell?

2. How do both documents show that people-not kings or leaders-guide the nation?

3. Which civic idea do **you** think is most important today? Why?
