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Democracy Defined Answer Key

Responses will vary. Strong comparisons may include:

Civic Idea	Gettysburg Address	Preamble
Who has the power?	Power comes from the people who fight to protect democracy	Government power comes from "We the People"
Why government exists?	To preserve a nation built on freedom	To form a more perfect union, ensure justice, protect liberty
Core values	Equality, unity, sacrifice for freedom	Justice, domestic peace, common defense, general welfare
Vision for the future	"Government of the people... shall not perish"	Building a strong and lasting nation for future generations

Teacher's Guide

Engagement Ideas

- Group poster: "Shared Voices of Democracy" with visuals of ideals
- Partner sort activity matching quotes to each document before the chart
- Quick debate: Which document better expresses American democracy?

Extension Opportunities

- Write a paragraph describing how American democracy has evolved since 1787 and 1863
- Connect to a modern speech about citizenship (e.g., inauguration address)
- Create a Venn diagram comparing all three-Address, Preamble, and a modern example