



The United States of America

Once the Constitution was written and signed it was sent to each state to be ratified, or approved, by the people. Ratification was completed in 1789.

Thirteen independent states

united by the same principles and ideas of self and civil government joined into one nation. The Preamble declared the purpose for the Constitution.

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, 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.

To form a more perfect Union

The Constitution expressed the unity and agreement of the thirteen separate, independent states. It joined those states together as a union called the United States.

It explained how at the same time that states were governing their own affairs, the national government would govern in things that mattered to all the