Indiana's Three Goals

Read the Preamble's purposes in everyday life.

4.C.1 "Explain the major purposes of Indiana's Constitution as stated in the Preamble."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the three purposes named in the Preamble. Then circle one example in the passage that helps explain each purpose.

Why Begin With a Preamble?

1 When a basketball game begins, players need rules that treat everyone fairly. A state needs rules, too. The opening of Indiana's Constitution is called the Preamble. It tells why the people wrote this plan for their government. It names three goals: "justice be established, public order maintained, and liberty perpetuated." Those words describe what Indiana's government should work to protect.

2 Justice means people should be treated fairly under the law. For example, a person accused of breaking a law should have a fair chance to tell their side. Public order means people can live together safely under shared rules. Traffic rules help drivers and walkers use a street without chaos. These two purposes help neighbors solve problems without letting the strongest person make every choice.

3 Liberty means people can make important choices without unfair government control. For example, people can share their ideas about a new law. The Preamble also says the people of Indiana have the right to choose their own form of government. It thanks God for the freedom to use that right. By making this Constitution, the people set a plan for government that should protect fairness, order, and freedom for generations.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why does giving an accused person a chance to tell their side help establish justice?

2. How do traffic rules help maintain public order?

3. How does sharing ideas about a new law show liberty?

4. How is the right to choose a form of government connected to the Preamble's goal of liberty?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine your town is opening a new public park. In three sentences, propose one park rule or government action and explain how it supports two different purposes named in Indiana's Preamble. Use an example that is not in the reading.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.C.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the three purposes named in the Preamble. Then circle one example in the passage that helps explain each purpose. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does giving an accused person a chance to tell their side help establish justice?	**It gives the person a fair chance to be heard under the law.**
2	How do traffic rules help maintain public order?	**They give drivers and walkers shared rules so they can use streets safely.**
3	How does sharing ideas about a new law show liberty?	**People can speak about a government decision without unfair government control.**
4	How is the right to choose a form of government connected to the Preamble's goal of liberty?	**It lets people make an important choice about how they will be governed.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The town could post a schedule that lets any group reserve the park's basketball court for one hour. This supports justice because every group has the same chance to sign up. It also maintains public order because groups know when it is their turn.

Accept other explanations that accurately connect the passage's examples to justice, public order, liberty, or the people's right to choose their government. For Your Turn, look for one new park example and clear explanations of two distinct purposes.