

Resource Sheet #2

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Purpose of Government

Directions: Both Russia and America fought revolutionary wars against monarchs and won. The winners in both countries wrote constitutions describing their new governments. Using your own words, re-state the main purpose of each government.

Purpose of Government	Your Own Words
<p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN SOCIALIST FEDERAL SOVIET REPUBLIC, 1918</p> <p><i>Chapter Five</i> Article 9. The main objective of the constitution of the Russian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic, designed for the present transitional period, is to establish the dictatorship of the urban and rural proletariat and the poorest peasantry in the form of a powerful All-Russia Soviet Government, with a view to completely suppressing the bourgeoisie, abolishing exploitation of man by man, and establishing socialism, under which there will be neither division into classes nor state power.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://www.departments.bucknell.edu/russian/const/18cons01.html</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1789</p> <p>We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, 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.</p> <p>http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution_transcript.html</p>	
<p>Compare the purpose of government for the USSR to the purpose of government for the USA. Use a venn diagram to list similarities and differences on the back of this page.</p>	