



**WE** *insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution*

**we the people**

**in order to form a more perfect union**

**discover...investigate...participate**

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*America has never been united by blood or birth or soil. We are bound by ideals that move us beyond our backgrounds, lift us above our interests and teach us what it means to be citizens. Every child must be taught these principles. Every citizen must uphold them. And every immigrant, by embracing these ideals, makes our country more, not less American.*

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH  
JANUARY 20, 2001

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**WE** invite all Americans to participate in a series of events and programs to get us thinking, talking, and teaching about the rights and responsibilities of citizens in our democracy. These initiatives include workshops, town meetings, competitions, and votes for students, teachers, parents, and the general public.

**This initiative is a cooperative effort among:**

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