Although many people think it is a sacred, unchanging document, the United States Constitution has actually been changed 27 times. Each day, the interpretation of the Constitution is changed little bits at a time when Supreme Court judges make decisions. Even though this document was written to provide structure and purpose for the United States government, that purpose has changed since 1787. There are many documents other than the United States Constitution that discuss the purpose of government. Some documents are very well known like the Magna Carta of 1215; other documents are not as well known, like the predecessor to the Constitution, the Articles of Confederation. No matter what the document, they all discuss the purpose of government. In general, the purpose of government is to protect citizens’ rights.