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Sentence Stems (Founding Ideals & Documents) – Directions: Below are several “sentence stems” for you to complete. Many are similar except for the connecting word at the end – “AND” / “SO” / “BUT” / “BECAUSE” / etc. Pay close attention to these connection words as you complete each stem!

EXAMPLES:

Enlightenment thinkers questioned traditional authority, thinking, and religion, AND opened themselves up to challenges and questioning as well. {“AND” → plus this related thing also}

Enlightenment thinkers questioned traditional authority, thinking, and religion, SO many political and religious leaders considered them dangerous. {“SO” → this caused something else}

Enlightenment thinkers questioned traditional authority, thinking, and religion, BUT they weren’t against all governments or religions if they operated justly. {“BUT” → something pulling the other direction}

Enlightenment thinkers questioned traditional authority, thinking, and religion, BECAUSE they believed in the power of human reasoning and logic to make things better. {“BECAUSE” → explaining why it happened}

1. Under a social contract, everyone gives up a little individual freedom AND _____

2. Under a social contract, everyone gives up a little individual freedom SO _____

3. Under a social contract, everyone gives up a little individual freedom BUT _____

4. The Articles of Confederation established a very weak central government BECAUSE _____

5. The Articles of Confederation established a very weak central government BUT _____

6. The Articles of Confederation established a very weak central government SO _____

7. Shays’ Rebellion alarmed many social and political leaders across the young United States BECAUSE _____

8. Shays’ Rebellion alarmed many social and political leaders across the young United States SO _____

9. There were many disagreements among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention AND _____
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10. There were many disagreements among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention BUT _____
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11. There were many disagreements among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention BECAUSE _____
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12. There were many disagreements among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention SO _____
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13. The new Constitution created a much stronger central government AND _____
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14. The new Constitution created a much stronger central government BECAUSE _____
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15. The new Constitution created a much stronger central government BUT _____
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16. The Constitution created three equal branches of government SO _____
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17. The Constitution created three equal branches of government BECAUSE _____
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18. The Constitution created three equal branches of government BUT _____
_____.
19. The writers of the Constitution and the first President, George Washington, were strongly opposed to political parties in the new nation BECAUSE _____
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20. The writers of the Constitution and the first President, George Washington, were strongly opposed to political parties in the new nation BUT _____
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