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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 _____

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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9. There were many disagreements among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention AND

10. There were many disagreements among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention BUT

11. There were many disagreements among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention BECAUSE

12. There were many disagreements among the delegates to the Constitutional Convention SO

13. The new Constitution created a much stronger central government AND

14. The new Constitution created a much stronger central government BECAUSE

15. The new Constitution created a much stronger central government BUT

