

Dissecting the Creation of the Constitution

Directions: Answer each question below in complete sentences. Each question must be answered with a minimum of 2 complete sentences. Use the information throughout Chapter 5 to answer the questions.

- 1) What is a republic?
- 2) What were the different opinions regarding the basis of a republic?
- 3) What were the basic similarities amongst the individual state constitutions?
- 4) How did a “confederation” share supreme governing powers?
- 5) How was the land dispute over the status of the western lands settled? What was the outcome?
- 6) What were the three basic stages to become a state?
- 7) What problems existed with the Articles of Confederation regarding population and national unity? Explain.
- 8) How did the national war debt present a significant problem for the new nation?
- 9) What foreign relation issues did the new nation face under the Articles of Confederation?
- 10) What issues prompted “Shay’s Rebellion”?
- 11) What issues prompted the calling of the Constitutional convention?
- 12) What conflicts existed in the beginning stages of the Constitutional Convention?
- 13) What was the “Virginia Plan”?
- 14) What was the “New Jersey” Plan?
- 15) What was the “Great Compromise”?
- 16) What was the 3/5’s Compromise?
- 17) How were the powers of the national and state governments divided?
- 18) What was the system of “checks and balances”?
- 19) What was the electoral college?
- 20) How is the Constitution changed or “amended”?