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Checks and Balances: Can One Branch of Government Override the Others?

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Imagine a scenario in which the legislative branch passes a law, but the President believes it is unconstitutional and refuses to enforce it. How might this situation be resolved within the framework of checks and balances?
2. In your opinion, which branch of government plays the most critical role in maintaining checks and balances, and why? Explain your reasoning.
3. Discuss a historical event or situation in U.S. history where the system of checks and balances was crucial in preventing the abuse of power by one branch of government. Explain the event and its outcome.
4. Reflect on the importance of compromise in a system of checks and balances. Provide an example of a recent political issue where compromise was necessary to achieve a legislative outcome.

