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## Payday Puzzles: Unraveling the Mysteries of Payroll Taxes!

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Imagine you earn \$150,000 per year. Explain how the Social Security and Medicare taxes would be calculated for your income, including any additional Medicare tax if applicable.
2. Discuss the significance of payroll taxes in funding government programs and why it's essential for individuals to contribute to these programs.
3. If someone earns \$50,000 per year, how do their Social Security and Medicare taxes compare to someone earning \$100,000 per year? Explain the differences in the tax amounts.
4. How might changes in income, such as a salary increase or decrease, affect the amount of payroll taxes an individual pays? Provide an example for both scenarios.

