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## The Mighty Purse: Congress's Power of the Purse Strings

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Research and discuss a historical example of Congress using the "power of the purse" to influence government policy or address a significant issue. Explain the actions taken, the outcomes, and the impact on the nation.
2. Imagine you are a member of Congress. Describe the process of creating the federal budget, including the steps involved and the considerations you would weigh when allocating funds to various programs and agencies.
3. In your opinion, what is the most crucial aspect of the "power of the purse" held by Congress, and why? How does it contribute to the effectiveness of the U.S. government?
4. Discuss a current issue or challenge facing the United States that would require Congress to exercise the "power of the purse" to address. Explain the actions Congress could take to influence policy and allocate funds to address the issue effectively.

