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

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Example: Congress using the power of the purse to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964, allocating funds for enforcement and desegregation efforts. This had a significant impact on advancing civil rights in the United States.
2. Answers will vary, but responses may include steps such as committee hearings, reviewing agency budgets, and prioritizing national needs based on economic conditions and constituent feedback.
3. Answers will vary, but students may emphasize the importance of Congress's role in shaping government priorities through funding decisions and ensuring accountability in resource allocation.
4. Example: Addressing climate change. Congress could allocate funds for renewable energy research, emissions reduction programs, and climate adaptation efforts, thereby influencing policy and addressing the issue proactively.

